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## Soup kitchen rejects Proud Boys gift

Enfield site snubs food donation from controversial group

By Jesse Leavenworth

Hartford Courant

An Enfield soup kitchen rejected 855 pounds of food donated by the Connecticut chapter of Proud Boys, an organization described

alternately as "a men's club" by its founder and a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

A volunteer at Enfield Loaves & Fishes who was not familiar with the soup kitchen's policies initially accepted the donation March 27, Executive Director Maya Nicole Matthews said. But Matthews said she quickly informed the Proud Boys that they should reclaim the gift.

Matthews cited the soup kitch-

en's policy on donations, which is based in part on whether acceptance compromises the organization's core values; whether there is compatibility between the intent of the donor and the organization's use of the gift; whether acceptance could damage the soup kitchen's reputation; and whether "the primary benefit is to Enfield Loaves and Fishes, Inc., versus the donor."

"Enfield Loaves & Fishes acts in accordance with other nonprofit

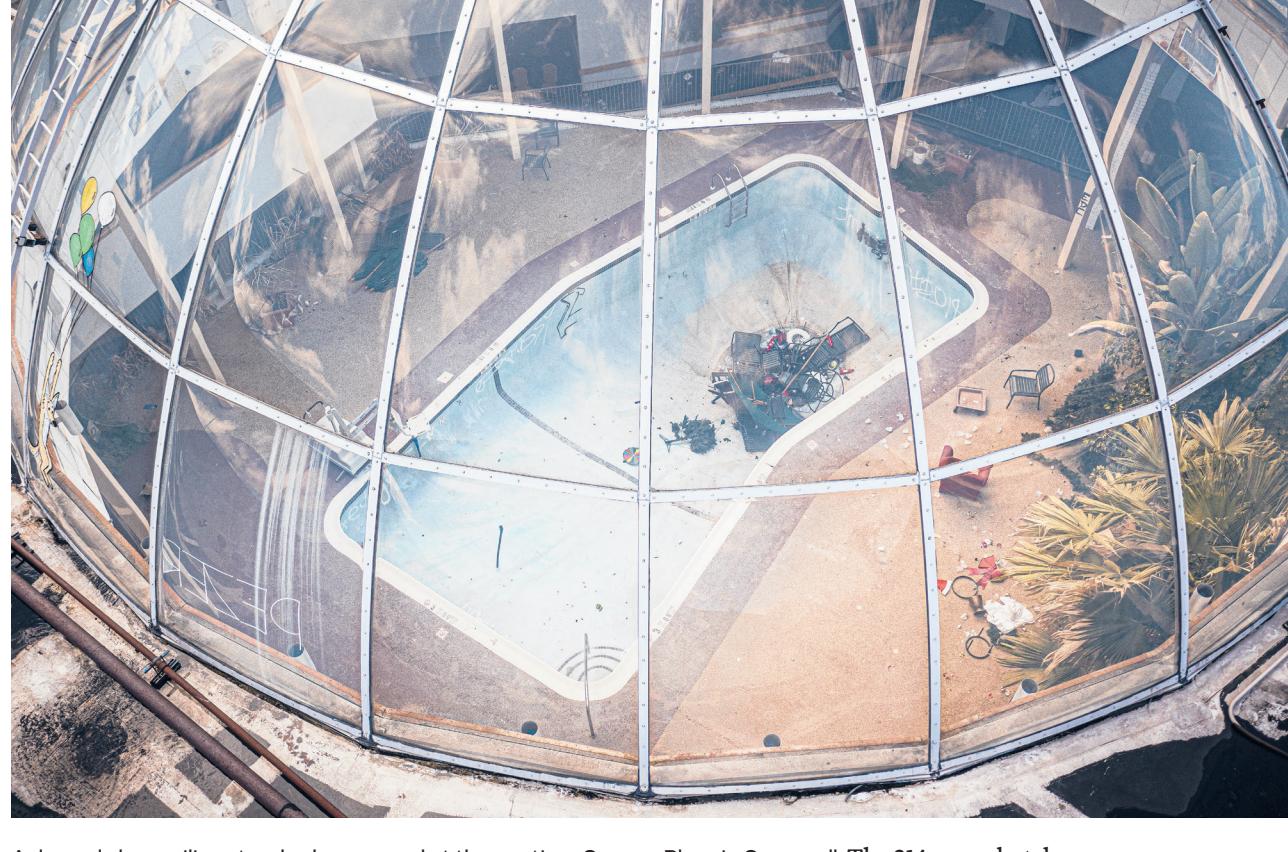
entities in our community, and Connecticut Foodshare, which is our largest contracted food provider," Matthews said.

In a March 26 news release, Proud Boys Connecticut announced the group had held its second annual food drive, collecting 1,511 items for the soup kitchen. The group chose the Enfield organization "because we believe and support their mission statement" of providing meals and fellowship

to the poor, hungry and disenfranchised within the community, the release said.

A group not related to the Proud Boys CT picked up the food several days later at the organization's request and distributed it to local people and charities across the state, said a representative officer of the Proud Boys Connecticut group.

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A domed clear ceiling stands above a pool at the onetime Crowne Plaza in Cromwell. The 214-room hotel was once among Connecticut's most popular convention spots. **MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

## State epicenter could become apartments

Proposal calls for vacant Crowne Plaza to be razed

By Don Stacom

Hartford Courant

The onetime Crowne Plaza in Cromwell that hosted hundreds of statewide conferences and conventions should be demolished to make way for a large apartment complex, according to a developer who will present his plan Tuesday night to zoning officials.

M360 Berlin Land Holdings LLC is proposing 260 apartments along with a 31,000-square-foot commercial building.

The shuttered hotel would be leveled, but the two-story parking garage would be kept, the developer said in requesting zoning permission for the

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The onetime Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, which hosted hundreds of statewide conferences and conventions, is now shuttered. Plans are in the works to demolish the hotel for more than 200 apartments and a retail complex.

## WAR IN UKRAINE

## Grisly toll in Bucha stokes outrage

Biden says Putin is 'brutal,' should be tried for war crimes

By Oleksandr Stashevskyi and Nebi Qena

Associated Press

BUCHA, Ukraine — Moscow faced global revulsion and accusations of war crimes Monday after the Russian pullout from the outskirts of Kyiv revealed streets strewn with corpses of what appeared to be civilians, some of whom had seemingly been killed at close range.

The grisly images of battered bodies left out in the open or hastily buried led to calls for tougher sanctions against the Kremlin, namely a cutoff of fuel imports from Russia. Germany and France reacted by expelling dozens of Russian diplomats, suggesting they were spies, and President Joe Biden said Russian leader Vladimir Putin should be tried for war crimes.

"This guy is brutal, and what's happening in Bucha is outrageous," Biden said, referring to the town northwest of the capital that was the scene of some of the horrors.

Biden's national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, later reminded reporters that the U.S. had unveiled intelligence in the lead-up to the Feb. 24 invasion warning that Russia would seek to imprison or kill dissidents and others it viewed as threats to its attempted occupation of Ukraine.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy left the capital, Kyiv, for his first reported trip since the war began nearly six weeks ago to see for himself what he called the "genocide" and "war crimes" in Bucha. He said dead people had been "found in barrels, basements, strangled, tortured."

Later, in a video address to the Romanian parliament, Zelenskyy

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## Muslims in Connecticut celebrate the chance for in-person Ramadan events

It's called a 'joyous' return to iftar dinners for first time since 2019

By Don Stacom

Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — For many Muslims in Connecticut, this month is the first Ramadan since 2019 that can be observed with nightly prayers in mosques and — at least for some — with large iftar dinners.

"I went to one last night. It was joyous, it was celebratory," said Farhan Memon, chairman of the Connecticut chapter of the Council on American Islamic Relations. "We

are getting near to the old normal — we've seen mosques open up to having evening dinners in a way that hasn't happened in two years."

As the holiest month of the year in their religion gets underway, the state's Islamic residents are looking forward to the return to communal worship and Ramadan evening meals together — all of which were halted in early 2020 by the pandemic.

In talking with the Courant this week, several Connecticut Muslims offered their thoughts on progress toward improved public acceptance of Islam — and challenges that remain.

Hamden's schools will make

Eid al-Fitr an official holiday starting next year, for instance, a major victory in the eyes of Mariam Khan, who became the first Muslim on Hamden's school board when voters elected her in November.

"What's really exciting is that this happened because of student pressure and the support from teachers," said Khan, a 19-year-old Yale University student who began community organizing in high school.

Khan was one of the primary voices calling for Hamden schools to close for Eid al-Fitr so that Muslim students could be home with family for the holiday, which marks the end

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COURTESY/MARIAM KHAN

*"There are so many religious traditions that will be fasting at some point in the year — there's so much shared across religions, and I think we forget that."*

— Mariam Khan, first Muslim on Hamden's school board

## State cutting back on COVID-19 data reporting

For more than two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, Connecticut has reported its number of new cases each weekday, save for holidays. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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"While we are saddened by Maya Matthews' decision as the executive director of Enfield Loaves and Fishes, it is not one we did not anticipate," the representative wrote. "Proud Boys CT will continue our course of action and plans that we have for the next calendar year and even anticipate adding more charity and fundraising events than the ones currently scheduled."

The Southern Poverty Law Center lists the Proud Boys as an extreme right hate group.

"The Proud Boys' actions belie their disavowals of bigotry," a description on the

center's website says. "Rank-and-file Proud Boys and leaders regularly spout white nationalist memes and maintain affiliations with known extremists."

The Enfield soup kitchen's rejection was not the first time a charitable organization in Connecticut turned the group away. Hands on Hartford rejected a Proud Boys food donation last year.

Two people who identified themselves as members of the group tried to donate food to the charity's MANNA Community Pantry on Jan. 25, according to a news release from Hands on Hartford. A staff member rejected the donation due to the agency's policy, the statement said. An outpouring of donations followed the rejection in solidarity with

the decision, Hands on Hartford Executive Director Barbara Shaw said at the time.

The Proud Boys emerged in 2016 as supporters of President Donald Trump. Members were among those arrested after the storming of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 last year. The group has since shifted focus to regional chapters, where members have taken on local issues and causes, including mask mandates and mandatory vaccination policies. Gavin McInnes, a co-founder of Vice magazine, founded the group.

"McInnes plays a duplicitous rhetorical game: claiming to reject white nationalism while espousing a laundered version of popular white nationalist tropes," according to the SPLC.

The Connecticut-based Proud Boys ([proudboysct.com](http://proudboysct.com)) list their tenets as minimal government, maximum freedom, anti-political correctness, closed borders, anti-racial guilt, anti-racism, pro free speech, pro gun rights, "glorifying the entrepreneur," "venerating the housewife" and "reinstating a spirit of Western chauvinism."

The group's website includes an invitation to apply for membership, with questions that include: "Do you understand we are not a white nationalist organization and we will not tolerate white nationalists in our organization?"

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### Cromwell

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project. The company requires a zone change to proceed; the Planning and Zoning Commission will hear its case Tuesday at 7 p.m. at town hall.

The company paid a little over \$2.55 million for the vacant, deteriorating building last October, according to Cromwell's land records. Just six years earlier, 100 Berlin Holdings LLC acquired it for \$7.5 million — roughly three times as much.

The proposed development plan includes several buildings, with most of the retail and commercial uses in a new one-story building fronting Berlin Road.

Behind that will be a four-story building above a new one-story parking garage; there will be retail or commercial space on the main floor, with three floors of apartments above.

Two more four-story apartment buildings will be built, one over a new parking garage and the other above half of the hotel's existing garage. The other half of that garage will also be used for parking, with the entire structure reinforced, the developer said.

The final component of the plan is 20 townhouses.

The project encompasses nearly 13 acres, including the former hotel's property along with undeveloped land just east of the large surface parking lot behind it. Because of wetlands and grades, only part of the land will be used, the developers said.

For the rental housing, M360 Berlin Land Holdings proposes 50 studios, 135 one-bedroom units, 65 two-bedroom apartments and 10 units with three bedrooms. There also would be an amenity building, an outdoor pool with a deck and courtyards, the company said.

The 20 townhouses would be built for sale and include a mix of two- and three-bedroom units. The developer plans an amenity area, but most of the land to the east of the townhouses would remain undeveloped, according to the plan.

The combined parking for all of the buildings would accommodate 487 vehicles. About half of the space would be under buildings and screened from view, the company said.

M360 Berlin Land Holdings maintains



A covered side entrance stands boarded at the former Crowne Plaza in Cromwell. The hotel hosted hundreds of statewide conferences and conventions. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

rezoning the property as Mixed Use District would benefit the town. Its application says the project "creates not only a destination for Cromwell, but also is directly on-point with the intent of the Mixed Use District to create a community that offers 'live, work and play opportunities within convenient walking distance of each other."

The hotel was in decline for years, was downgraded from Crowne Plaza to a Radisson and later to a Red Lion before abruptly closing in January 2020.

The 214-room hotel was once among Connecticut's most popular convention spots, and advertised a 10,000-square-foot banquet room and another 20,000 square feet of flexible meeting spaces.

Its central location near I-91 and Route 9 were a major draw, offering a relatively short drive to conference attendees from all corners of the state.

In its best years, the hotel hosted wedding receptions, school reunions, sales conferences, job fairs, award dinners and conventions for scores of statewide and regional organizations.

Bob Woodward spoke about his then-new book "The Last of the President's Men" at one gathering, and former Gov. Lowell Weicker drew a tiny group of anti-tax protestors when he addressed a conference of newly elected municipal officials in 2010 — 15 years after he had left office.

The hotel, known for its indoor pool and

hot tub beneath a giant transparent dome, got a \$5 million renovation in 2007, but within a decade was showing serious signs of wear. Yelp and TripAdvisor reviews grew increasingly bleak, and by late 2019 the parking lot looked nearly deserted on some nights.

State tax inspectors showed up at the hotel on the night of Jan. 10, 2020 and ordered it closed immediately. Staffers had to awaken the handful of guests and direct them to leave immediately, and the building has been closed since.

Last year, urban explorers posted videos on YouTube showing water damage, dangling electrical wires, collapsed ceiling tiles, graffiti in the empty pool, long-dead plants in the lobby, layers of dust and other decay.

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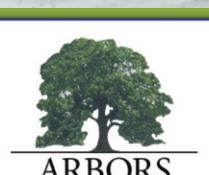
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# Avery closer to confirmation as next US Attorney

Senate vote looms as associate AG aims to make state history

**By Edmund H. Mahony**

Hartford Courant



Avery

"I just want to say how proud I am of this nomination, having held this job myself," Blumenthal said. "She is a trial attorney with broad experience, enormous expertise and superbly qualified for this role serving the people of Connecticut."

Avery's nomination was the final — and least controversial — item on a committee agenda that was headed by U.S. Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson, as well as two circuit judge nominees and three district court nominees from around the country.

After hours of partisan bickering over Jackson, the committee was deadlocked in an 11-11 tie vote along party lines rather than reporting it out a favorable or unfavorable recommendation. The tie will force an additional procedural vote to move the

nomination forward in the full Senate, but Jackson remains on track to become the first Black woman to sit on the Supreme Court in its 233-year history after a confirmation vote later in the week.

"She is well-qualified and experienced," said University of Richmond law professor Carl Tobias, who tracks federal judicial and Justice Department nominations. "I would expect she will get a confirmation vote, maybe later this week before the Senate leaves for Easter recess."

The committee voting was delayed for hours to allow the participation of a California Democrat, whose flight to Washington was delayed by a medical emergency.

"To see Vanessa Avery's vote called on this historic day alongside Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson was a proud moment for Connecticut and for the Office of the Attorney General," state Attorney General William Tong said. "Vanessa Avery is exceptionally qualified, incred-

bly hardworking, and — once confirmed by the full Senate — will make an excellent United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut."

Avery would replace former U.S. Attorney John Durham, who left office following Biden's election, and Leonard Boyle, who has held the office since an interim basis.

Avery has been chief of the Division of Enforcement and Public Protection at the Connecticut Attorney General's Office since 2021, and before that was an associate attorney general in that office since 2019.

She was an assistant U.S. attorney in the office's civil division from 2014 to 2019.

From 2006 to 2014, Avery was a litigation attorney at the Hartford law firm McCarter & English.

She received a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1999 and an undergraduate degree from Yale University in 1996.

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said he fears there are places where even worse atrocities have happened.

"The military tortured people, and we have every reason to believe that there are many more people killed," he said. "Much more than we know now."

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov dismissed the scenes outside Kyiv as a "stage-managed anti-Russian provocation." Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said the images contained "signs of video forgery and various fakes."

Russia has similarly rejected previous allegations of atrocities as fabrications on Ukraine's part.

Biden and U.S. officials, however, stopped short of calling the actions genocide.

"We have seen atrocities, we have seen war crimes, we have not yet seen a level of systematic deprivation of life of the Ukrainian people to rise to the level of genocide," Sullivan said.

Ukrainian officials said the bodies of at least 410 civilians have been found in towns around Kyiv that were recaptured from Russian forces in recent days.

The Ukrainian Prosecutor-General's Office described one room discovered in Bucha as a "torture chamber." In a statement, it said the bodies of five men with their hands bound were found in the basement of a children's sanatorium where civilians were tortured and killed.

Bodies wrapped in black plastic were also seen piled on one end of a mass grave in a Bucha churchyard. Many of the victims had been shot in cars or killed in explosions trying to flee the city, and with the morgue full and the cemetery impossible to reach, it was the only place to keep the dead, the Rev. Andrii Galavkin said.

In other developments, more than 1,500 civilians were evacuated Monday from the devastated port city of Mariupol in the south, using the dwindling number of private vehicles available to get out, Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk said.



Tanya Nedashkivs'ka, 57, mourns the death of her husband, killed in Bucha, on the outskirts of Kyiv, Ukraine, on Monday. Russia is facing a fresh wave of condemnation after evidence emerged of what appeared to be deliberate killings of civilians in Ukraine. RODRIGO Abd/AP

But amid the fighting, a Red Cross-accompanied convoy of buses that has been thwarted for days on end in a bid to deliver supplies and evacuate residents was again unable to get inside the city, Vereshchuk said.

European leaders and the United Nations human rights chief joined the Ukrainians in condemning the bloodshed that was exposed after Russian troops withdrew from the capital area.

At the same time, many warned that the full extent of the horrors has yet to emerge.

"I can tell you without exaggeration but with great sorrow that the situation in Mariupol is much worse compared to what we've seen in Bucha and other cities, towns, and villages nearby Kyiv," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said.

German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock said the images from Bucha reveal the "unbelievable brutality of the Russian leadership and those who follow its propaganda." And French President Emmanuel Macron said there is "clear evidence of war

crimes" in Bucha that demand new punitive measures.

"I'm in favor of a new round of sanctions and in particular on coal and gasoline. We need to act," he said on France-Inter radio.

Though united in outrage, the European allies appeared split on how to respond. While Poland urged Europe to quickly wean itself off Russian energy, Germany said it would stick with a gradual approach of phasing out coal and oil imports over the next several months.

## Ramadan

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of the Ramadan period of daylight fasting, New Haven schools already list Eid as a holiday; Waterbury holds classes but gives students the option of taking the day off.

Khan is now working to get more Hamden Muslims to vote and to run for office.

"That's what community engagement looks like," said Khan, who also advocates for community-based interfaith dialogues.

"There are so many religious traditions that will be fasting at some point in the year — there's so much shared across religions, and I think we forget that," she said.

Khan also sees an urgent need to reduce Islamophobia, noting that the decision to make Eid a Hamden school holiday was

made the same year that an arsonist burned the Diyanet mosque in New Haven.

"Islamophobia is rampant, and you can't have the celebration of Ramadan and Eid without recognizing that it's dangerous sometimes to be Muslim or wear a hijab," she said.

At CAIR, Memon sees two sides of the Muslim experience in Connecticut. His organization continues to get frequent calls from parents whose children are bullied at school because of their religion or for wearing a hijab, but he also sees growing acceptance on other fronts.

"We have made some progress because of the increase in the number of Muslims in our schools," he said. "There's more awareness, and awareness leads to policy shifts. The media didn't cover the start of Ramadan 20 years ago," he said.

Memon says making Eid a holiday for

students and workers would help, partly because it would build Muslim Americans' sense of belonging.

Along with schools, businesses should do more to accommodate Muslim workers who are required to work on Eid, according to Memon.

Allowing workers on overnight shifts to temporarily swap with day or evening shift coworkers would help during Ramadan, he said.

"Employers who have Muslim employees working should demonstrate they value them and make reasonable accommodations so they can attend Friday prayers," he said.

State Sen. Saud Anwar, a medical doctor, said there's been progress in the past 20 years, but plenty of space for improvement.

"We're blessed because we're becoming more and more inclusive as a state," Anwar

said. "We recognize the shared future is the only way forward.

"The real progress will be when we see people of the Muslim community being a part of all professions, from law enforcement to the military to working at grocery stores, being engineers or lawyers or business people," he said.

Anwar would like to see more municipal police departments and volunteer fire departments actively recruiting Muslim candidates.

"I would love to see more Muslims in law enforcement, the military, the fire department. There have been past issues that created some mistrust (by the Muslim community)," Anwar said.

"But some of that mistrust is unfounded. If more (Muslim) people are part of law enforcement, it would help break down barriers," he said.



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## UN: Earth 'on track' to being unlivable

Climate scientists warn of inaction but note some progress

By Frank Jordans  
and Seth Borenstein  
Associated Press

BERLIN — Temperatures on Earth will shoot past a key danger point unless greenhouse gas emissions fall faster than countries have committed, the world's top body of climate scientists said Monday, warning of the consequences of inaction but also noting hopeful signs of progress.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change revealed "a litany of broken climate promises" by governments and corporations, accusing them of stoking global warming by clinging to harmful fossil fuels.

"It is a file of shame, cataloging the empty pledges that put us firmly on track toward an unlivable world," he said.

Governments agreed in the 2015 Paris accord to keep global warming well below 2 degrees Celsius, or 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit, this century, ideally no more than 1.5 C or 2.7 F. Yet temperatures have already increased by over 1.1 C or 2 F since pre-industrial times, resulting in measurable increases in disasters such as flash floods, extreme heat, more intense hurricanes and longer-burning wildfires, putting human lives in danger and costing governments hundreds of billions of dollars to confront.

"Projected global emissions from (national pledges) place limiting



A man carries bags of onions on a flooded street in Xinxiang in central China's Henan province. DAKE KANG/AP 2021

global warming to 1.5 C beyond reach and make it harder after 2030 to limit warming to 2 C," the panel said.

In other words, the report's co-chair, James Skea of Imperial College London, told Associated Press: "If we continue acting as we are now, we're not even going to limit warming to 2 degrees, never mind 1.5 degrees."

Ongoing investments in fossil fuel infrastructure and clearing large swaths of forest for agriculture undermine the massive curbs in emissions needed to meet the Paris goal, the report found.

Emissions in 2019 were about 12% higher than they were in 2010 and 54% higher than in 1990, said Skea.

The rate of growth has slowed from 2.1% per year in the early part of this century to 1.3% per year between 2010 and 2019, the report's authors said.

But they voiced "high confidence" that unless countries step up their efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions, the planet will on average be 2.4 C to 3.5 C (4.3 F to 6.3 F) warmer by the end of the century — a level experts say is sure to cause severe impacts for much of the world's population.

"Limiting warming to

1.5 C requires global greenhouse gas emissions to peak before 2025 at the latest and be reduced by 43% by 2030," he said.

Such cuts would be hard to achieve without drastic, economy-wide measures,

the panel acknowledged. It's more likely that the world will pass 1.5 C and efforts will then need to be made to bring temperatures back down again, including by removing vast amounts of carbon dioxide — the main greenhouse gas — from the atmosphere.

Many experts say this is unfeasible with current technologies, and even if it could be done it would be far

costlier than preventing the emissions in the first place.

The report, numbering thousands of pages, doesn't single out individual countries for blame.

However, the figures show much of the carbon dioxide already in the atmosphere was released by rich countries that were the first to burn coal, oil and gas when the industrial revolution got going in the 1850s.

The U.N. panel said about 40% of emissions since then came from Europe and North America. Just over 12% can be attributed to East Asia, which includes China. The country took over the position as world's top emitter

ter from the United States in the mid-2000s.

Many countries and companies have used recent climate meetings to paint rosy pictures of their emissions-cutting efforts, while continuing to invest in fossil fuels and other polluting activities, Guterres warned.

"Simply put, they are lying. And the results will be catastrophic," he said.

The report isn't without some hope, however.

Its authors highlight myriad ways in which the world can be brought back on track to 2 C or even, with great effort, return to 1.5 C after that threshold has been passed. This could require measures such as the removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere with natural or artificial means, but also potentially risky technologies such as pumping aerosols into the sky to reflect sunlight.

Among the solutions recommended are a rapid shift from fossil fuels toward renewable energy, the electrification of transport, less meat consumption, more efficient use of resources and massive financial support for poor countries unable to pay for such measures.

One move often described as "low-hanging fruit" by scientists is to plug methane leaks from mines, wells and landfills that release the potent but short-lived greenhouse gas into the atmosphere. A pact forged between the United States and China at last year's U.N. climate conference in Glasgow, Scotland, aims to do just that.

"You can see the first signs that the actions that people are taking are beginning to make a difference," said Skea, the panel's co-chair.

## 2 GOP senators to confirm Jackson to the high court

Murkowski, Romney agree to back Biden's historic nominee

By Mary Clare Jalonick  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Mitt Romney announced Monday night they will vote to confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's historic elevation to the Supreme Court, giving President Joe Biden's nominee a burst of bipartisan support and all but assuring that she will become the first Black female justice.

The senators from Alaska and Utah, respectively, announced their decisions ahead of a procedural vote to advance the nomination and as Democrats pressed to confirm Jackson by the end of the week.

GOP Sen. Susan Collins of Maine announced last week that she would back Jackson.

All three Republicans said they did not expect to agree with all of Jackson's decisions, but that they found her well qualified.

Romney said she "more than meets the standard of

excellence and integrity."

With three Republicans supporting her in the 50-50 split Senate, Jackson is on a glide path to confirmation and on the brink of making history as the third Black justice and only the sixth woman in the court's more than 200-year history.

Beyond the historic element, Democrats have cited her deep experience in nine years on the federal bench and the chance for her to become the first former public defender on the court.

Both Collins and Murkowski said they believed that the Senate nomination process has become broken as it has become more partisan in the past several decades.

Murkowski said her decision partly rests "on my rejection of the corrosive politicization of the review process for Supreme Court nominees, which, on both sides of the aisle, is growing worse and more detached from reality by the year."

Biden nominated Jackson to replace retiring Justice Stephen Breyer. Biden has sought bipartisan backing for his pick, making repeated calls to senators and inviting Republicans to the White House.

The Senate's 53-47 vote

Monday evening was to "discharge" Jackson's nomination from the Senate Judiciary Committee after the panel deadlocked, 11-11, on whether to send the nomination to the Senate floor.

The committee vote, split along party lines, was the first deadlock on a Supreme Court nomination in three decades.

"Judge Jackson will bring extraordinary qualifications, deep experience and intellect, and a rigorous judicial record to the Supreme Court," Biden tweeted earlier on Monday. "She deserves to be confirmed as the next justice."

The Judiciary committee's top Republican, Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley, said he was opposing Jackson's nomination because "she and I have fundamental, different views on the role of judges and the role that they should play in our system of government."

The committee hadn't deadlocked since 1991, when Biden was chairman and a motion to send the nomination of current Justice Clarence Thomas to the floor with a "favorable" recommendation failed on a 7-7 vote.

The committee then voted to send the nomination to the floor without a

recommendation, meaning



Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, who is President Joe Biden's Supreme Court nominee, now has the public backing of three Republicans in the Senate. KENT NISHIMURA/LOS ANGELES TIMES

it could still be brought up for a vote.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky set the tone for most of his party last week when he said he "cannot and will not" support Jackson, citing GOP concerns raised in hearings about her sentencing record and her backing from liberal advocacy groups.

Republicans on the Judiciary panel continued their push Monday to paint Jackson as soft on crime, defending their repeated questions about her sentencing on sex

crimes.

"Questions are not attacks," said Sen. Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee, one of several Republicans on the panel who hammered the point in the hearings two weeks ago.

Jackson pushed back on the GOP narrative, declaring that "nothing could be further from the truth."

Democrats said she was in line with other judges in her decisions.

And on Monday they criticized their GOP counterparts' questioning.

"You could try and create

a straw man here, but it does not hold," said New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker.

The questioning was filled with "absurdities of disrespect," said Booker, who also is Black, and he said he will "rejoice" when she is confirmed.

Derrick Johnson, president and chief executive officer of the NAACP, expressed disappointment with the tie, even as he noted that Jackson had cleared an important hurdle. Johnson said "history will be watching" during the full Senate vote later this week.

## Fla. school shooter's jury selection gets started

By David Fleshler  
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South Florida Sun Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Jury selection in the deadliest U.S. mass shooting ever to go to trial began Monday with preliminary screening for the panel that will determine whether Nikolas Cruz will be put to death for murdering 17 students and staff members in 2018 at a Parkland high school.

An initial group of 59

potential jurors was whittled down due to time conflicts. Just 16 made it through the first round. Another two were checked with their employers. The remaining 41 were waiting to see if they should return to the general jury pool for assignment to other cases.

Cruz, who has already pleaded guilty to murdering 17 people and wounding 17 others, sat at a table in the courtroom with his lawyers.

As Broward Circuit Judge Elizabeth Scherer gave

preliminary instructions to first group of 60 potential jurors, one woman in the group started crying.

The morning was devoted largely to hearing from potential jurors who raised their hands when asked if any had unavoidable time commitments that would prevent them from serving in a case that could last through September.

The trial is taking place in the building's largest courtroom, with a maximum capacity of 265.

An additional metal detector is set up on the 17th floor for an added layer of security.

The first two months of the trial are expected to be devoted to finding jurors. About 1,000 potential jurors have been called for the initial round of screening.

The trial requires 12 jurors, whose vote for a death penalty must be unanimous. Another eight will be selected as backups.

Associated Press contributed.



Mitch and Annika Dworet lost one son and a second son was injured during a 2018 shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida. AMY BETH BENNETT/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

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## WORLD & NATION

### NEWS BRIEFING

## High court removes barrier to malicious prosecution claims

From news services

**WASHINGTON** — In a victory for people falsely accused by police of crimes, the Supreme Court removed a barrier Monday to lawsuits against law enforcement for malicious prosecution.

The 6-3 ruling means that some malicious prosecution lawsuits that had previously been thrown out at an early stage will instead be allowed to move forward. The ruling was joined by both liberal and conservative justices.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh wrote for the majority of the court that a person seeking to sue for malicious prosecution under a federal civil rights law has to prove that the case brought against him "ended without a conviction." The justices rejected a higher bar that federal appeals courts in much of the country had adopted that said the person had to show their case ended because they were innocent.

Justice Samuel Alito wrote in a dissent that his colleagues' decision "has no basis in the Constitution and is almost certain to lead to confusion." He was joined by two other conservative justices, Justice Clarence Thomas and Justice Neil Gorsuch.

The case before the justices involved the 2014 arrest of Larry Thompson, a resident of the Brooklyn borough of New York, who sued for malicious prosecution after charges against him resulting from a scuffle with police were dropped.

Lower courts ruled against Thompson saying it wasn't enough that the case against him ended without a conviction. They said he had to show it ended with "affirmative indications of innocence" such as an acquittal or a dismissal by a judge along with a statement that the evidence was insuffi-

cient. The Supreme Court disagreed.

Thompson's lawyer Amir Ali of the MacArthur Justice Center said in an interview he was "very pleased with the court's decision" and that it was "welcome and needed." Ali said that prior to the court's decision there was a "completely unjust and really senseless barrier to bringing these lawsuits" and that the court had "removed that unjust barrier."

Ali said his client will now "have his day in court" and get the opportunity to prove his malicious prosecution claim.

**Trump backs Palin:** Former Alaska Republican Gov. Sarah Palin picked up a prized endorsement from former President Donald Trump in her bid to fill the remainder of the late U.S. Rep. Don Young's term.

Trump backed Palin late Sunday in a statement from his political action committee.

"Wonderful patriot Sarah Palin just announced that she is running for Congress, and that means there will be a true America First fighter on the ballot," the statement says.

A total of 51 candidates signed up by the Friday deadline to run in a special primary following Young's death on March 18 at age 88. The top four vote-getters will advance to an Aug. 16 special election, in which ranked choice voting will be used.

The winner will serve until January, when the current term ends.

**Hong Kong leader:** Carrie Lam said Monday she wouldn't seek a second term as Hong Kong's leader after a rocky five years marked by huge protests calling for her resignation, a security



**Chill in the air:** Wine grower Patrick Clavelin lights an anti-frost candle early Monday in a vineyard in Le Vernois, France. Temperatures dipped into the 20s, forcing vintners to find ways to save vines from a late frost after a warm winter spell in which the mercury neared 70 last month. Fruit crops in Switzerland and the Netherlands are also threatened. LAURENT CIRPIANI/AP

crackdown that has quashed dissent and most recently a COVID-19 wave that overwhelmed the health system.

Her successor will be picked in May.

"I will complete my five-year term as chief executive on the 30th of June this year, and I will also call an end to my 42 years of public service," Lam, 64, said at a news conference.

Her time in office will likely be remembered as a turning point during which Beijing firmly established control over the former British colony, which was returned to China in 1997.

Lam's popularity sharply declined amid her leadership, particularly over legislation that would have allowed criminal suspects to be extradited to mainland China for trial and her leadership during the protests that ensued in 2019.

**Military vaccines:** A federal judge has blocked the military from disciplining 12 U.S. Air Force officers who are

asking for religious exemptions to the mandatory COVID-19 vaccine.

The officers, mostly from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio, along with a handful of airmen and reservists, filed a lawsuit in February after their exemption requests were denied.

U.S. District Court Judge Matthew McFarland in Cincinnati granted a preliminary injunction last Thursday that stops the Air Force from acting against the officers, airmen and reservists until their lawsuit is resolved.

The plaintiffs accuse the Air Force of using a double standard when it comes to approving exemption requests, saying it had allowed thousands of medical and administrative exemptions but only a handful for religious reasons.

Last week, a federal judge in Texas barred the Navy from taking action for now against sailors who have objected to being vaccinated

on religious grounds.

**Costa Rica election:** President-elect Rodrigo Chaves said Monday that his runoff victory was a "revolution" by marginalized communities against Costa Rica's elites.

The conservative economist, who was briefly finance minister in the outgoing administration of President Carlos Alvarado, had cast himself as the outsider in the race, noting that his Social Democratic Progress Party had never won at any level before this year.

The new president's powers may be strained when he takes office next month as his party will have only 10 of 57 seats in the legislature.

In his victory speech Sunday night, Chaves called for unity to address problems like unemployment and a soaring budget deficit.

A core promise of his campaign was to lower the cost of living for Costa Ricans. On Monday, without

providing details, he said he would start with the costs of gasoline, rice and electricity.

**Pakistan political crisis:** Pakistan's top court began hearing arguments Monday on whether Prime Minister Imran Khan and his allies had the legal right to dissolve parliament and set the stage for early elections.

The opposition is challenging the latest moves by Khan, the ex-cricket star turned conservative Islamist leader who came to power in 2018, contending they are a ploy by Khan to stay in power.

The Supreme Court started hearing arguments on Monday both from Khan's legal team and his allies, and also the opposition, but then adjourned the session until noon Tuesday.

There was no immediate explanation for the adjournment, and it was also unclear when a ruling would come. Muslim-majority Pakistan is observing the holy month of Ramadan.

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## WORLD &amp; NATION

# Jury's award could resonate in US

Courts weigh suits brought by George Floyd protesters

**By Colleen Slevin**  
Associated Press

DENVER — A federal jury's \$14 million award to Denver protesters hit with pepper balls and a bag filled with lead during 2020 demonstrations over the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis could resonate nationwide as courts weigh more than two dozen similar lawsuits.

The jury found police used excessive force against protesters, violating their constitutional rights, and ordered the city of Denver to pay 12 who sued.

Nationwide, there are at least 29 pending lawsuits challenging law enforcement use of force during the 2020 protests, according to a search of the University of Michigan's Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse.

The verdict in Denver could give cities an incentive to settle similar cases rather than risk going to trial and losing, said Michael Steinberg, a professor at the University of Michigan Law School and director of the Civil Rights Litigation Initiative. It could also prompt more protesters to sue over their treatment at the hands of police.

"There's no doubt that the large jury verdict in Denver will influence the outcome of pending police misconduct cases brought by Black Lives Matter protesters across the country," said Steinberg, whose law students have been working on a similar lawsuit brought by protesters in Detroit.

Lawyers for the claimants argued that police used indiscriminate force against the nonviolent protesters, including some who were filming the demonstrations, because officers did not like their message critical of law enforcement.

"To the protest of police



A man holds a sign as people in Denver protest the death of George Floyd by police in Minneapolis. DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP 2020

violence they responded with brutality," one of their attorneys, Timothy Macdonald, told jurors.

People who took part in the protests have already made similar allegations in lawsuits filed across the country.

In Washington, D.C., activists and civil liberties groups sued over the forcible removal of protesters before then-President Donald Trump walked to a church near the White House for a photo op. The claims against federal officials were dismissed last year, but a judge allowed the case against local police to continue.

Several lawsuits alleging protesters were wrongfully arrested or that police used excessive force have been filed against New York City and its police department, including one brought by New York Attorney General Letitia James that claims police used excessive force

and wrongfully arrested protesters.

In Rochester, New York, people who protested the death of Daniel Prude, a Black man who lost consciousness after being pinned to the street by officers during a mental health call in 2020, claim police used extreme force against them in a lawsuit that also alleges city officials have allowed a culture of police brutality against racial minorities to fester.

One of their attorneys, Donald Thompson, said he plans to raise the Denver award in settlement talks with the city and note that unlike most of the Denver protesters, some of his clients suffered lasting injuries including the loss of an eye and scarring from being hit in the face with a tear gas canister. Thompson also thinks the Denver verdict shows that the public, in the age of cellphone and body camera videos, is not as will-

ing to give police the benefit of the doubt anymore.

"Now people see how this policing really works. You can't be naive," he said.

A spokesperson for Rochester, Barbara Pierce, declined to comment, saying the best forum to discuss its legal position was through the litigation process. When the case was filed, the city said it had already revised the way police responds to protests.

Over the last two months, the city of Austin, Texas, has agreed to pay a total of \$13 million to four people who were hit in the head with beanbag rounds fired by police.

Even before the Denver ruling last month, the police department made some changes in response to criticism that arose from the protests, including eliminating the use of 40mm foam rounds for crowd control and changing the way officers are permitted to use

pepper balls.

Denver's Department of Public Safety, which includes the police department, said in a statement that the city was not prepared for the level of sustained violence and destruction. During the trial, lawyers and witnesses said over 80 officers were injured as some in the crowds hurled rocks, water bottles and canned food at them.

The department said it continues to evaluate its policies to "better protect peaceful protesters while addressing those who are only there to engage in violence."

Still, the large award is not expected to lead to an overhaul of how officers respond to what experts say are inherently chaotic situations that are difficult to prepare for.

Ed Obayashi, a use-of-force consultant to law enforcement agencies and a deputy sheriff and legal

adviser in Plumas County, California, said society may have to bear the cost of such settlements because innocent people can be injured during protests as outnumbered police try to react on the fly, including to people intent on violence.

"It really goes south in an instant because there are individuals out there who want to cause chaos," he said.

Obayashi said there is not much police training for protests, which have been relatively rare. He said it would be prohibitively expensive to have officers practice deploying equipment such as tear gas canisters. Because projectiles used in crowds and considered "less lethal" by police, such as rubber bullets and pepper balls, have less velocity and less power to hurt people, it is harder to ensure they hit their intended target, he said.

Lawyers representing people who have also alleged police misconduct and violation of their constitutional right to protest can now use the Denver damage award as part of their own settlement negotiations, said Mark Silverstein, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union, which represented some of the winning Denver protesters.

The decision came nearly two years after thousands of people angry about Floyd's death took the streets nationwide, a relatively quick result for the legal system and soon enough for others who allege misconduct by police to file a claim.

In Colorado and many other states, there is a two-year statute of limitations for such lawsuits Silverstein said, leaving only a few months for others to sue.

The city attorney's office said it has not decided whether to appeal the verdict, but appeals in such big cases are common, said Gloria Browne-Marshall,

a professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.



A person walks Monday past an impromptu memorial near the location of a mass shooting in Sacramento, Calif. Six people were shot and killed early Sunday. RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

## Suspect in Calif. shooting that killed 6 is arrested, police say

**By Adam Beam and Kathleen Ronayne**  
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Sacramento police announced an arrest Monday connected to the shooting that killed six people and wounded 12 others in California's capital as at least two shooters fired more than 100 rounds and people ran for their lives.

Police said they booked Dandrea Martin, 26, as a "related suspect" on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and being a convict carrying a loaded gun. Detectives and SWAT team members found one handgun during searches of three homes in the area.

The arrest came as the six victims killed were identified in the shooting that occurred around 2 a.m. Sunday near the state Capitol.

The Sacramento County coroner identified the three women killed as Johntaya Alexander, 21; Melinda Davis, 57; and Yamile Martinez-Andrade, 21. The three men killed were Sergio Harris, 38; Joshua Hoye-Lucchesi, 32; and Devazia Turner, 29.

Detectives were trying to determine if a stolen handgun found at the crime scene was connected to the shooting, Police Chief Kathy Lester said. She pleaded with the public to share videos and other evidence that could lead to the killers.

"The scale of violence that just happened in our city is unprecedented during my 27 years here," Lester told reporters at police headquarters. "We are shocked and heartbroken by this tragedy."

Martin was not arrested for any homicide-related charge, District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert said.

"The investigation is highly complex involving many witnesses, videos of numerous types and significant physical evidence," Schubert said in a statement. "This is an ongoing investigation, and we anticipate more arrests in this case."

He was held without bail and was scheduled to appear in Sacramento Superior Court on Tuesday, according to jail records. His criminal record was not disclosed, but records showed he was also wanted

on a misdemeanor warrant by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department in Southern California.

It was not immediately clear whether Martin had an attorney who could speak on his behalf.

Of the 12 wounded, at least four suffered critical injuries, the Sacramento Fire Department said. At least seven of the victims had been released from hospitals by Monday.

At the scene where the chaos erupted, streets were reopened Monday and police tape had been removed.

On sidewalks where video had shown victims writhing in pain, memorials began to grow with candles, balloons, flowers and stuffed animals paying tribute to the lives lost.

The gunfire erupted just after a fight broke out on a street lined with an upscale hotel, nightclubs and bars, and police said they were investigating whether the altercation was connected to the shooting. Video from witnesses posted on social media showed rapid gunfire for at least 45 seconds as people screamed and ran for cover.

Prosecutors alleged Vekselberg bought the Tango in 2011 and has owned it since then, though they believe he has used

## WAR IN UKRAINE

### US seizes yacht belonging to oligarch closely tied to Putin

**By Francisco Ubilla, Aritz Parra and Michael Balsamo**  
Associated Press

PALMA DE MALLORCA, Spain — The U.S. government on Monday seized a 254-foot yacht in Spain owned by an oligarch with close ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin, a first by the Biden administration under sanctions imposed after the Kremlin's invasion of Ukraine and targeting pricey assets of Russian elites.

Spain's Civil Guard and U.S. federal agents descended on the Tango at the Marina Real in the port of Palma de Mallorca, the capital of Spain's Balearic Islands in the Mediterranean Sea. Associated Press reporters at the scene saw police going in and out of the boat.

The U.S. Justice Department, which obtained a warrant from a federal judge in Washington, alleges the yacht should be forfeited for violating U.S. bank fraud, money laundering and sanctions statutes.

The yacht is among the assets linked to Viktor Vekselberg, a billionaire and close Putin ally who heads the Moscow-based Renova Group, a conglomerate encompassing metals, mining, tech and other assets, according to U.S. Treasury Department documents.

All of Vekselberg's assets in the United States are frozen and American companies are barred from doing business with him and his entities. The Ukrainian-born businessman built his fortune by investing in the aluminum and oil industries in the post-Soviet era.

Prosecutors alleged Vekselberg bought the Tango in 2011 and has owned it since then, though they believe he has used



The Treasury Department said in documents that the yacht Tango, above, is an asset of a Russian oligarch and close ally of President Vladimir Putin. FRANCISCO UBILLA/AP

shell companies to try to obfuscate his ownership and to avoid financial oversight.

They contend Vekselberg and those working for him continued to make payments using U.S. banks to support and maintain the yacht, even after sanctions were imposed on him in 2018. Those payments included a stay in December 2020 at a luxury water villa resort in the Maldives and fees to moor the yacht.

It's the first U.S. seizure of an oligarch's yacht since Attorney General Merrick Garland and Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen assembled a task force known as REPO — short for Russian Elites, Proxies and Oligarchs — to enforce sanctions after Russia invaded Ukraine in late February.

"It will not be the last," Garland said in a statement.

Vekselberg, 64, was questioned in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election and has worked closely with his American cousin, Andrew Intrater, who heads the New York investment management firm Columbus Nova.

Vekselberg and Intrater were thrust into the spotlight in that investigation after the lawyer for an adult film star released a memo that claimed \$500,000 in hush money was routed through Columbus Nova to a shell company set up by Donald Trump's personal attorney, Michael Cohen. Columbus Nova denied that Vekselberg played any role in its payments to Cohen.

Vekselberg and Intrater met with Cohen at Trump Tower, one of several meetings between members of Trump's inner circle and high-level Russians during Trump's 2016 campaign and the transition before his presidency.

Vekselberg founded Renova Group more than three decades ago. The group holds the largest stake in United Co. Rusal, Russia's biggest aluminum producer, among other investments.

The yacht sails under the Cook Islands flag and is owned by a company registered in the British Virgin Islands administered by different societies in Panama, the Civil Guard said, "following a complicated financial and societal web to conceal its truthful ownership."

## WORLD &amp; NATION

# Activist marries man on death row

Paralegal has fought fervently for end to capital punishment

**By Sean Murphy**  
Associated Press

McALESTER, Okla. — Anti-death penalty advocate Lea Rodger says she is keenly aware of the realities facing her and Richard Glossip, who she married last week inside the Oklahoma State Penitentiary where he sits on death row.

Glossip, 59, already has narrowly escaped execution three times and could be the next man Oklahoma puts to death now that the state has lifted a nearly seven-year moratorium on executions put in place due to mishaps in his case and others.

Rodger, 32, a paralegal who has spent more than a decade advocating for an end to capital punishment, says that's one of the reasons she didn't want to waste time by delaying marrying her new husband.

"For Rich, surviving three execution attempts, possibly facing a fourth, the one thing he's really taken away from that is: Don't take anything for granted ... really live in the moment," Rodger said before they wed March 29 in a small ceremony inside the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

"I think both of us do a good job at that, and that's why it was important to us that we do this now while we know we can make this commitment with each other," said Rodger, of Lutz, Florida, who is now a law student.

In a statement provided to AP, Glossip said: "After all I have been through, losing so much of my life and everyone in it, I have been blessed beyond all imagination."

Although marriages of death row inmates don't happen often, they aren't completely unusual either, said Robert Dunham, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center.



Lea Rodger on March 28 in McAlester, Oklahoma, the day before she married Oklahoma death row inmate Richard Glossip. SEAN MURPHY/AP

He said the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Loving v. Virginia*, which prohibits bans on interracial marriages, has since been applied to people in prison.

"Marriage is among the fundamental personal rights that prisoners retain," Dunham said.

Some of the most notorious inmates in the country have married after being imprisoned. Convicted serial killer Ted Bundy married his fiancee while on death row in Florida. Erik Menendez and his brother, Lyle Menendez, serving life sentences for murdering their parents in 1989 in their Beverly Hills mansion, both were married in prison.

Richard Ramirez, the serial killer known as the Night Stalker who left satanic signs at murder scenes and mutilated victims' bodies during a reign of terror in the 1980s, wed while on death row in

California.

Oklahoma does not allow conjugal visits, even for newly married inmates, but Rodger said they were able to hold hands and kiss during Tuesday's ceremony.

It is the second prison marriage for Glossip, who filed for divorce from his previous wife, Leigha Joy Jurasik, of New Jersey, who he married in 2018 when Jurasik was 21.

They divorced last year, and court records show Jurasik didn't show up to a hearing last year in which a judge ordered her to pay Glossip \$100 per week for 85 weeks to cover a \$5,000 alimony award and \$3,500 for Glossip's legal fees. Jurasik said in a statement she believes Glossip took advantage of her and regrets ever marrying him.

"I am older, wiser and have learned a lot since my marriage ended," she said. "I

could not be more happy to be on the other side of that."

Glossip is perhaps best known for the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case that bears his name. In 2015, a split court found constitutional the use of the sedative midazolam in lethal injections.

Glossip was twice convicted and sentenced to die for ordering the January 1997 killing of Barry Van Treese, who owned the Oklahoma City motel where Glossip worked. Prosecutors said Justin Sneed, a motel handyman, admitted robbing and beating Van Treese, but said he did so only after Glossip promised to pay him \$10,000. Sneed, who was the key witness against Glossip at both of his trials, is currently serving a life sentence without parole.

Glossip has twice been within hours of receiving a lethal injection when his

execution was called off. He got a two-week reprieve in September 2015 to allow his lawyer time to pursue an innocence claim. Two weeks later, after a court rejected that, he was about to be escorted to the execution chamber when prison officials realized they had received the wrong drug for his execution.

That led to a nearly seven-year moratorium on the death penalty in Oklahoma that ended last fall. Now, he is the lead plaintiff in a federal lawsuit again challenging the state's lethal injection method as unconstitutional. Another lawyer, Don Knight, is seeking to overturn his conviction based on a claim of innocence.

Sheila Isenberg, who recently finished a second edition of her 1991 book, "Women Who Love Men Who Kill," and has exten-

sively interviewed women who seek relationships with convicted killers, as well as psychiatrists, social workers and prison officials, said some women are attracted to men who commit particularly heinous crimes, such as serial killers or mass murderers.

"In Richard Glossip's case, he is neither a serial killer nor a mass murderer, but he is nevertheless notorious," Isenberg said.

Rodger bristled at the suggestion that Glossip's notoriety is what attracted her to him. She said she never even considered marriage when she added Glossip to a list of prisoners she sends Christmas cards to each year.

Ultimately, correspondence via letters gave way to phone calls, and Rodger said she and Glossip quickly developed a deep connection.

# Global megachurch falls from grace in US

A leader of Christian cool, Hillsong now faces haze of scandal

**By Ruth Graham**  
The New York Times

Terry Crist, a fifth-generation pastor in Phoenix, joined the global megachurch Hillsong in part because of what he describes as its distinctly joyful approach to church life: Hillsong was an institution where leaders seemed "light and free," offering a church experience that attracted tens of thousands of people around the world.

Starting in Phoenix, Crist eventually brought six churches in two states into the Hillsong fold. Two weeks ago, he took them out.

"We cannot continue in our global family, as much as we love it," Crist told his congregation in an emotional Sunday sermon, citing, among other reasons, the recent resignation of Hillsong's global leader under a haze of scandal. "I am heartbroken."

Since mid-March, Hillsong has lost nine of its 16 American church campuses, a swift and stunning decline for one of the world's largest and most influential evangelical churches.

Just a few years ago, Hillsong was the leading edge of cool Christianity, a quickly expanding network that appealed to young people and city dwellers with energetic, stylish preachers and an upbeat atmosphere. Hillsong translated the charismatic church experience, which emphasizes miracles and personal encounters with the Holy Spirit, for a hip, upscale audience.

Pop singer Justin Bieber and NBA star Kevin Durant attended services; one of the church's worship bands won a Grammy Award, and the church produced soaring anthems that became staples in smaller churches that imitated its sounds, style, and Instagram-friendly aesthetic.



A Hillsong service last week in Atlanta. Hillsong drew crowds with its upbeat approach. ALYSSA POINTER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Now, Hillsong's U.S. presence is in collapse. Its remaining U.S. locations are in the Northeast and in California, meaning Hillsong no longer has a major presence between the coasts.

The departures are partly the fallout from a series of crises — most recently the sudden resignation of its charismatic founder — that have left the church with a tarnished reputation and instability that pastors say they found increasingly difficult to endure.

"I can't think of a church in the English-speaking Western world with as broad a global reach as Hillsong," said Ed Stetzer, executive director of the Wheaton College Billy Graham Center in Illinois. The current upheaval in the church "is a very big deal and will have ramifications not just for Hillsong, but for contemporary evangelism around the world," he said.

The church has blamed medication and alcohol for Houston's actions. Houston has not publicly commented

brand when its Australian founder and global leader, Brian Houston, resigned March 23 after an internal investigation found that he behaved inappropriately toward two women. Houston had stepped away from all ministry duties in January, explaining that he needed to concentrate on fighting a criminal charge of concealing child sexual abuse committed by his late father, who was also a pastor.

The church's investigation found that Houston sent "inappropriate text messages" to one staff member, and that several years later he spent time alone in a hotel room with a woman who attended the church's annual conference in Sydney. In a statement to The New York Times, the news office for the church said there have been no other complaints about Houston's behavior.

The church has blamed medication and alcohol for Houston's actions. Houston has not publicly commented

on his resignation. He could not be immediately reached for comment.

Phil Dooley, the church's interim global leader, responded to some questions in an email through the church news office. In the email, Dooley said Houston's resignation came as "a tremendous surprise to many members of our community." The church news office did not respond to questions about whether Houston would receive a severance package or any future financial compensation from the church. The news office also declined to say whether Houston's wife, Bobbie, whose title was also global senior pastor, remained employed by the church.

The day after Houston's resignation, the streaming service Discovery+ released a three-part documentary, "Hillsong: A Megachurch Exposed." The documentary depicts the megachurch as a toxic institution obsessed with image, control and

growth at all costs. It features interviews with critics, former employees and members, and a woman who has said she had a months-long affair with Carl Lentz, at the time the celebrity lead pastor of Hillsong's East Coast branches. The news office for the church said in an emailed statement that the documentary's portrait of Hillsong is "almost unrecognizable" to the church community.

Hillsong exercises some control over the financial operations of each member church, though congregations set their own budgets. Churches also pass on 5% of the contributions they receive to the global church. In return, they receive organizational and teaching resources, and what was at one time a straightforwardly valuable association with one of the most recognizable evangelical churches in the world.

For some leaders of local Hillsong branches, the baggage has become too

burdensome to be worth the benefits of affiliation.

The week Houston resigned, the lead pastor of Hillsong Atlanta, Sam Collier, emailed his church to inform them that he was withdrawing his church from Hillsong in the wake of "consistent media attacks, slander, and accusations" against Hillsong — some of which, he acknowledged, were true.

"All the challenges and the speculation and the scandal and the articles and all of the above, it got to a point where the people in our church just did not want to deal with it anymore," Collier said in an interview.

His hiring as Hillsong's first Black lead pastor was announced about a week before the news of Lentz's misconduct became public in 2020, meaning his entire tenure at the church has been clouded by scandal emanating from Hillsong entities far from Atlanta.

"We believe the Lord is calling us to move into the next season," Collier told his congregation.

Collier is launching a new church on Easter, and expects much of his Hillsong congregation to migrate there. The news office for Hillsong said there were no plans to reestablish Hillsong Atlanta.

Another branch, Hillsong Kansas City, which launched in 2019, quietly separated from Hillsong about two weeks ago and relaunched as Kingdom City Church. The news office for the global church said the two parties "made a mutual decision to separate" before Houston's departure. A person who answered the phone at Kingdom City said the church had no comment.

Hillsong's website says 150,000 people attend services weekly in 30 countries, but that estimate was taken before the pandemic. The news office said an accurate attendance count is not possible because of pandemic restrictions in some countries.

# BUSINESS

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## Tesla CEO Musk becomes Twitter's top shareholder

Acquires 9% stake after recently questioning free speech on social media platform

**By Michelle Chapman  
and Tom Krisher**

Associated Press

Tesla CEO Elon Musk acquired a 9% stake in Twitter to become its largest shareholder at a time when he is questioning the social media platform's dedication to free speech and the First Amendment.

The ultimate aim of Musk's 73.5 million share purchase, worth about \$3 billion, is not known. Yet in late March Musk, who has 80 million Twitter followers and is very active on the site, questioned free speech on Twitter and whether the platform is undermining democracy.

It's unclear just when Musk bought the stake. A U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filing made public Monday says the event triggering the filing happened March 14. His stake meets the criteria for being a long-term "passive" investor, one looking to minimize buying and selling of the shares.

Yet Musk has also raised the possibility, publicly before his massive and loyal Twi-

ter following, that he could create a rival social media network.

Industry analysts are skeptical about whether the mercurial CEO, who is the world's wealthiest person, will remain on the sidelines for long.

In a note to investors, CFRA Analyst Angelo Zino wrote that although Musk's intent is unclear, Twitter could be viewed as an acquisition target because the value of its shares have been falling since early last year.

Jack Dorsey stepped down as CEO in November. Musk's stake in Twitter is more than four times the size of Dorsey's, who co-founded the company and was the largest individual shareholder until Musk arrived.

"Musk's actual investment is a very small percentage of his wealth, and an all-out buyout should not be ruled out," wrote Zino, who covers Twitter and social media.

Twitter's stock surged more than 27% Monday. Since March 14, the date listed on filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, shares of Twitter are up nearly 50% by midday, meaning that Musk's

investment has paid handsomely, so far.

Twitter did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Musk told his millions of followers on Twitter that he was "giving serious thought" to creating his own social media platform, and has clashed repeatedly with financial regulators about his use of Twitter.

Musk is locked into a dispute with the SEC over his ability to post on Twitter. His lawyer has contended in court motions that the agency is infringing on the Tesla CEO's First Amendment rights.

In October 2018, Musk and Tesla agreed to pay \$40 million in civil fines and for Musk to have his tweets approved by a corporate lawyer after he tweeted about having the money to take Tesla private at \$420 per share. The funding was far from secured and the electric vehicle company remains public, but Tesla's stock price jumped.

The settlement specified governance changes, including Musk's ouster as board chairman. Tesla's stock rose more than 5% Monday.

## Medicare enrollees can get free virus testing

**By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Amid worries that the latest coronavirus variant could spark another rise in cases, Medicare announced Monday that millions of enrollees will finally have access to free over-the-counter COVID-19 tests at drug stores.

More than 59 million people with Medicare's "Part B" outpatient coverage will be able to get up to eight free at-home tests per month, or enough for an individual to test twice a week, as some doctors have recommended.

Medicare has lagged private insurance in following the Biden administration's directive to cover at-home tests because rules and regulations stood in the way, and officials had to find a work-around. This is the first time the health insurance program for older people and those with disabilities has covered an over-the-counter test at no cost to recipients.

Medicare's move could turn out to be prescient.

The BA.2 omicron variant now accounts for more than half of U.S. cases, having rapidly overtaken the original strain. That initial omicron wave this winter caused the biggest spike yet in virus cases, straining many hospitals to the limit.

Since then, cases nationally have rapidly dropped to the lowest level since before last summer's delta surge. Coronavirus restrictions have been largely lifted. But some areas where BA.2 took hold early are seeing increasing cases.

Monday's announcement followed another precautionary move last week, when government health officials authorized a second round of booster shots for people 50 and older as well as those with weakened immune systems.

### BUSINESS BRIEFING

## Virus grounds British travelers

LONDON — British travelers going abroad for the Easter holidays faced disruptions Monday as two main carriers, British Airways and easyJet, canceled dozens of flights due to staff shortages related to soaring cases of COVID-19 in the U.K.

Budget carrier easyJet grounded 62 flights scheduled for Monday after canceling at least 222 flights over the weekend, while British Airways said some three dozen out of its 115 flights canceled Monday were due to pandemic-related problems.

An easyJet spokesman said it is "experiencing higher than usual levels of employee sickness" as a result of high rates of COVID-19 infections across Europe. British Airways said several of the cancellations were made at the last minute due to staff calling in sick.

## Greece pays off IMF loans early

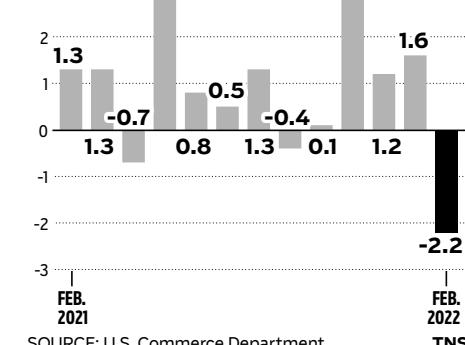
ATHENS, Greece — Greece has repaid its outstanding debts dating back to its financial crisis to the International Monetary Fund, two years ahead of schedule, the country's finance minister said Monday.

Greece's European Union bailout lenders gave the formal go-ahead last week for the early repayment of the outstanding loans worth \$2 billion. Their approval was needed as the initial requirement was for early IMF repayments to be made in parallel with those made to European lenders.

Three successive bailouts totaling some \$285 billion between 2010 and 2018 prevented Greece from going bankrupt. But successive Greek governments were forced to implement budget cuts and tax hikes that spiked unemployment and poverty.

### Manufacturing orders

New orders of durable goods, monthly percent change, seasonally adjusted



Medical staffers work to transfer a patient to a hospital in the Bronx borough of New York. ERIN SCHAFF/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2020

## Will health care backslide?

End of the pandemic could result in major disruptions for a system forced to evolve

**By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When the end of the COVID-19 pandemic comes, it could create major disruptions for a cumbersome U.S. health care system made more generous, flexible and up-to-date technologically through temporary emergency measures.

Winding down those policies could begin as early as the summer. That could force an estimated 15 million Medicaid recipients to find new sources of coverage and require congressional action to preserve broad telehealth access for Medicare enrollees among other things.

The array of issues is tied to the coronavirus public health emergency first declared in 2020 and periodically renewed since then. It's set to end April 16 and the expectation is that the Biden administration will extend it through mid-July.

"The flexibilities granted through the public health emergency have helped people stay covered and get access to care,

so moving forward the key question is how to build on what has been a success and not lose ground," said Juliette Cubanski, a Medicare expert with the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation.

Congress increased federal Medicaid payments to states because of COVID-19, but it also required states to keep people on the rolls during the health emergency. In normal times states routinely disenroll Medicaid recipients whose incomes rise beyond certain levels or for other life changes affecting eligibility. That process will switch on again when the emergency ends, and some states are eager to move forward.

Virtually all of those losing Medicaid are expected to be eligible for some other source of coverage, either through employers, the Affordable Care Act or — for kids — the Children's Health Insurance Program.

But that's not going to happen automatically, said Matthew Buettgens, lead researcher on the Urban Institute study.

People dropped from Medicaid may not realize they can pick up taxpayer-subsidized ACA coverage. Medicaid is usually free, so people offered workplace insurance could find the premiums too high.

Millions of Americans discovered tele-

health when coronavirus shutdowns led to the suspension of routine medical consultations. In-person visits are again the norm, but telehealth has gained broader acceptance.

The end of the public health emergency would jeopardize telehealth access for millions enrolled in traditional Medicare. Restrictions predating COVID-19 limited telehealth mainly to rural residents, in part to mitigate against health care fraud. Congress has given itself 151 days after the end of the public health emergency to come up with new rules.

"If there are no changes to the law after that, most Medicare beneficiaries will lose access to coverage for telehealth," the Kaiser Foundation's Cubanski said.

An area that's murky is what happens to access to COVID-19 tests, treatments and vaccines covered under emergency use authorization from the Food and Drug Administration.

Some experts say emergency use approvals last only through the public health emergency. Others say it's not as simple as that because a different federal emergency statute also applies to vaccines, tests and treatments. There's no clear direction yet from health officials.

## Starbucks suspends stock buyback program

**By Matt Ott**

Associated Press

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Starbucks founder and new interim CEO Howard Schultz announced Monday that the coffee chain was suspending its share repurchase program to "invest more profit into our people and our stores."

The pivot in strategy comes just three weeks after Starbucks announced that Schultz, who bought the company in 1987 and led it for more than three decades, would be taking over the company's top role until it found a permanent CEO. Since that announcement, analysts and experts have speculated that Schultz was being brought back to help the company fight

a rising worker rights campaign that has seen six of its stores voting to unionize since December, with at least 140 more in 27 states filing petitions for union elections.

Two weeks ago, baristas and other employees at a Seattle Starbucks voted to unionize, the first such vote in the city where Starbucks originated. Starbucks has 9,000 company-owned stores in the U.S.

Schultz's blog post on Monday was filled with references to "partners" — what the company calls its employees. "My first work is to spend lots of time with partners," Schultz wrote. "To lift up voices."

In his previous time with the company, the 68-year-old Schultz successfully fought attempts to unionize Starbucks' U.S. stores and roasting plants. Starbucks had to rein-

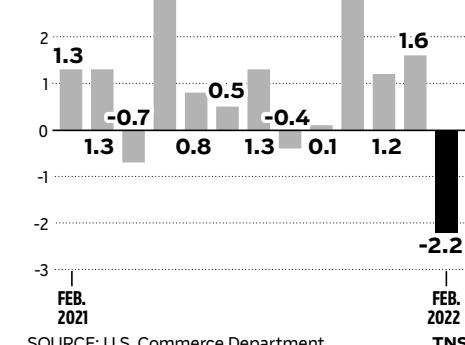
state fired workers or pay to settle labor law violations numerous times under Schultz's leadership in the early 2000s.

Last year, the National Labor Relations Board found that Starbucks unlawfully retaliated against two Philadelphia baristas who were attempting to unionize. The NLRB said Starbucks monitored the employees' social media, unlawfully spied on their conversations and ultimately fired them. It ordered Starbucks to stop interfering with workers' right to organize and offer reinstatement to the two workers.

More recently, on March 15, the NLRB issued a complaint against Starbucks alleging that district and store managers in Phoenix spied on and threatened workers who supported unionizing.

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SOURCE: U.S. Commerce Department

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# M&T Bank completes its takeover of People's United

The \$8.3 billion acquisition was delayed for months

By Kenneth R. Gosselin  
Hartford Courant

Buffalo-based M&T Bank's takeover of People's United Bank — one of Connecticut's largest and oldest lenders — was completed early Saturday. The merger was delayed for months and controversial for the number of jobs lost at People's United's Bridgeport headquarters.

Buffalo-based M&T's \$8.3 billion acquisition, announced more than a year ago, was expected to close at the end of 2021. But approval from federal regulators was not secured until March.

M&T had a toehold in Fairfield County with 11 branches, but the acquisition of People's United gives M&T hundreds of branches in Connecticut and four other New England states, most of it new territory for the Buffalo bank.

Combined, the two banks will employ 22,000 with a network of more than 1,000 branches and 2,200 ATMs spanning 12 states, from Maine to Virginia and Washington, D.C.

M&T touched off an uproar in Connecticut last summer when it disclosed in a Connecticut labor department filing that it would cut 747 jobs — 661 of them at the People's United's Main Street headquarters. Elected officials, including Connecticut Attorney General William Tong and U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, said they were taken off guard, having understood job losses would be minimal.

Both Blumenthal and Tong pressed for preservation of jobs and other economic investments,

especially in underserved neighborhoods and communities.

Subsequently, M&T pledged to employ at least 1,000 within a year after it combined the operating systems of the two banks, now expected this fall. M&T also promised broader economic investment initiatives, particularly in the areas of small business lending and corporate responsibility.

Here are six things People's United Bank customers need to know:

**Q: When will the name of the bank change?**

**A:** People's United is now owned by M&T, but the People's United name will remain until the systems of the two banks are combined in the third quarter of this year. Account information, account-related documents — including debit cards and ATM receipts — also will continue to bear the People's United name or logo until the integration is completed.

**Q: Can People's United customers now do their banking at M&T branches and their ATMs?**

**A:** People's United customers should continue to use People's United branches, websites, mobile apps, financial advisors and relationship managers until the two banks systems are combined. One exception is cash withdrawals from ATMs. People's United and M&T customers can get cash from the ATMs of either bank.

**Q: What about People's United checks, debit cards and credit cards?**

**A:** People's United customers should continue to use checks, debit cards and credit cards as they normally would. All accounts will become

M&T branded after the systems of the two banks are combined.

**Q: What about customers with loans from People's United?**

**A:** People's United customers should continue to make scheduled loan payments. Statements and communications will continue to carry the People's United name until they are updated with the M&T name. It is likely that payment addresses may change in the future, but this won't be until later in 2022. Advance notice of any changes will be given by M&T.

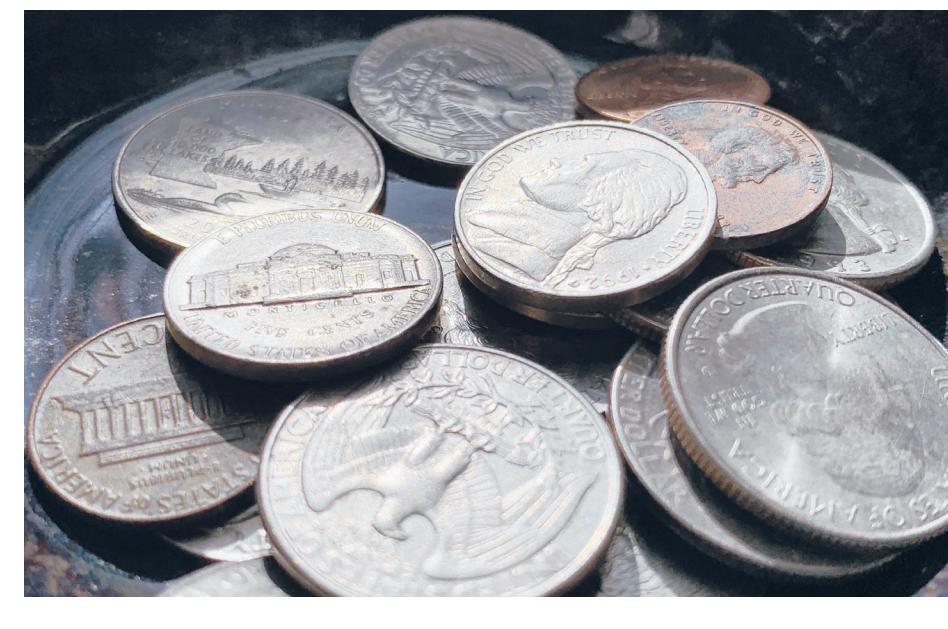
**Q: What should People's United customers do if their contact information changes?**

**A:** If contact information changes — name, address, email or phone number — customers should update those changes as quickly as possible. This will ensure they get all communications from M&T and new checks, credit cards and debit cards. Information can be updated through People's United online banking, at a People's United branch or by calling 1-800-894-0300.

**Q: How will M&T communicate changes to People's United customers?**

**A:** Customers will be notified well in advance of any changes. People's United customers should look for the M&T green logo in the mail. Updates are also available at mtb.com/peoples. One caution: M&T will not request private, sensitive information — personal data, account numbers, user IDs or passwords through unsolicited emails, texts or phone calls.

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Retailers, laundromats and other businesses that rely on coins want Americans to empty their piggy banks and look under couch cushions for extra change. JENNY KANE/AP

## Trade group urges Treasury to help with US coin shortage

By Fatima Hussein  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Got a dime you can spare? Coins are in short supply — again.

Retailers, laundromats and other businesses that rely on coins want Americans to empty their piggy banks and look under couch cushions for extra change and "get coin moving."

A group of trade associations that represent individual businesses including banks, retail outlets, truck stops, grocery stores and more is asking the Treasury Department for more help convincing Americans to get coins back in circulation.

The consequences of the circulation slowdown hit people who don't have an ability to pay for items electronically, they say.

"If retailers are not able to offer change for cash purchases, consumers who rely on cash will be vulnerable," the associations said in a letter to Treasury.

It's not a coin shortage America faces, but a lack of circulation.

"We can't print our way out of this problem," said Austen Jensen, a senior vice president for government affairs at the Retail Industry Leaders Association.

various federal agencies, which led to a campaign encouraging the public to get coins into circulation.

This February, the task force issued a State of Coin report, which said pandemic lockdowns slowed small transactions that generated change and there was a temporary aversion to cash for perceived hygienic reasons.

The report also said the Federal Reserve and the U.S. Mint contracted with a third party consultant to review the coin supply chain.

Coin deposit volumes began to increase gradually starting in the summer of 2020, but businesses say the problem has come up again.

The issue has had the biggest impact on people who don't have bank accounts. An estimated 22 percent of Americans were "unbanked" or "underbanked" in 2019, according to the Federal Reserve.

The government encourages people to help get coin moving by spending it with retailers, taking it to their banks and credit unions, or using a coin recycling kiosk.

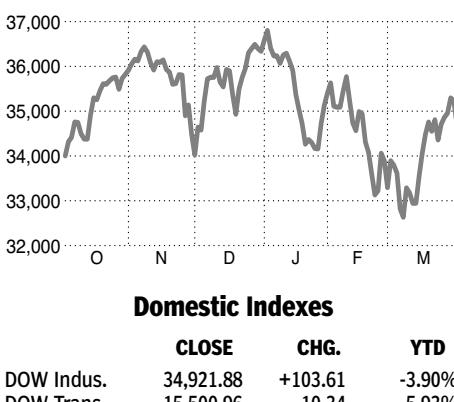
## MARKET RUNDOWN

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

**DOW**  
34,921.88 +103.61

**10-YR T-BOND**  
2.41% +.03

**GOLD**  
\$1,929.20 +10.10



### Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	34,921.88	+103.61	-3.90%
DOW Trans.	15,500.96	-10.34	-5.93%
DOW Util.	1,045.75	-11.52	+6.62%
NYSE Comp.	16,829.75	+42.00	-1.95%
Nasdaq Comp.	14,532.55	+271.05	-7.11%
S&P 500	4,582.64	+36.78	-3.85%
S&P 400	2,703.68	-6.47	-4.87%
Wilshire 5000	46,209.72	+406.00	-4.65%
Russell 2000	2,095.44	+4.33	-6.67%

### Foreign Exchange

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FUELS CLOSE PREV. YTD

Crude Oil (bbl) 103.28 99.27 +37.32%

Natural Gas (mm btu) 5.71 5.72 +53.14%

Unleaded Gas (gal) 3.20 3.15 +43.52%

METALS CLOSE PREV. YTD

Gold (oz) 1,929.20 1,919.10 +5.56%

Silver (oz) 24.58 24.64 +5.38%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

### Money Rates

PREV. CLOSE WK.

Britain 1.3115 .7625 3.50 3.50

Canada .8009 1.2485 3-mo. T-Bill 0.68 0.61

China .1571 6.3634 6-mo. T-Bill 1.14 1.08

Euro 1.0971 .9115 5-yr T-Note 2.56 2.54

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Nikkei 27,736.47 +70.49 +.25% -3.67%

### Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	23.31	+.01	-14.3		Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	314.97	+.55	-6.3	
AT&T Inc (T)	24.18	+.20	-1.7		Mullen Automotive (MULN)	2.86	-.01	-45.3	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	110.53	+.24	-23.2		Novartis AG (NVS)	87.33	-.36	-2	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	75.99	+.42	-13.1		Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	273.60	+.48	-7.0	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	178.44	+.43	+.5		Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	76.64	+.36	-12.0	
Aterian Inc (ATER)	3.42	+.09	-16.8		Palantir Technol (PLTR)	14.63	+.80	-19.7	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	47.01	-.48	-5.8		Peoples Utld Fncl (PBCT)	19.41	...	+8.9	
Bank of America (BAC)	40.83	-.07	-8.2		Pfizer Inc (PFE)	50.94	-.63	-13.7	
Barnes Group (B)	40.14	-.02	-13.8		Pinduoduo Inc ADS (PDD)	49.30	+.65	-15.4	
BitNile Holdings Inc (NILE)	.72	-.05	-39.7		Pitney Bowes (PBI)	5.27	+.09	-20.5	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2374.97	+.71	-1.0		Plug Power Inc (PLUG)	31.75	+.34	+12.5	
Borgs Technologies (BRQS)	.23	+.02	-39.0		Protalix BioThera (PLX)	1.49	+.44	+79.1	
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	73.79	-.03	+18.3		Prudential Fncl (PRU)	116.38	-.02	+7.5	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	100.00	-.09	-3.1		Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	70.29	-.77	+5.3	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	19.74	-.31	-1.9		Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	99.30	-.87	+15.4	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	45.25	-.79	-16.6		Rogers Corp (ROG)	272.34	-.46	-2	
Charter Communic (CHTR)	562.00	-.32	-13.8		SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	75.47	+.34	-7.9	
Cigna Corp (CI)	242.26	-.39	+5.5		Snap Inc A (SNAP)	39.34	+.19	-16.4	
Citigroup (C)	52.80	+.47	-12.6		SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	9.77	+.44	-38.2	
Clovis Oncology Inc (CLVS)	2.72	+.22	+.4		Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	7.45	+.10	+59.9	
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# OPINION

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## Repeal state's medical pot certificate fees

By Nathan Tinker

Since its inception in 2013, Connecticut's medical marijuana program has been the gold standard in the nation. The program provides access to medical marijuana for some 53,000 patients in Connecticut, many of whom find relief for their symptoms only through medicinal cannabis products.

Unlike the recently launched recreational marijuana program, medical marijuana is highly regulated and medically delineated. Patients receive treatment and counseling from licensed pharmacists trained in the pharmacology of cannabis, its interactions with other drugs and how to align a patient's disease state with the most appropriate cannabis products and delivery methods.

Ostensibly, medical marijuana is free from state taxes. Except that it's really not.

Each year, medical marijuana patients must pay a \$100 fee to the state to obtain a medical marijuana certificate, and \$25 per year for certificates for their caregivers. These fees — which amount to about \$5.3 million in total each year — effectively, and unfairly, tax medical marijuana patients for access to their medication. No other medical treatment or therapy requires such fees or taxes and, unlike prescription drugs, medical marijuana is a cash-only market. It is not covered by insurance of any sort, so patients must bear the full cost out-of-pocket.

Every legislative session for the past three years, the Academy of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries has called on the state to rescind this arbitrary and unfair fee. But while the legislature has been amenable to the proposal, the budget office has consistently killed it, saying that there is no room in the state's \$36 billion budget to do so — remember that Connecticut currently has a budget surplus of \$1.48 billion. The certificate fees equal just 0.35% of that surplus, and barely 0.01% of the state's overall budget.

Further, in February, as part of the launch adult-use cannabis program, the state began collecting application fees for the many recreational marijuana license categories available and expects to see hundreds of millions of dollars in new tax revenue once retail sales begin later this year. Each license application fee can run



Medical marijuana plants are shown during a media tour of the Curaleaf medical cannabis cultivation and processing facility in 2019 in Ravana, New York. HANS PENNINK/AP FILE

into millions of dollars, and the revenue derived from these applications fees alone will immediately offset any minuscule budget impact that eliminating the certificate fees might have.

Connecticut's medical marijuana program is already under pressure from

the introduction of recreational marijuana.

Let's not drive patients — who use marijuana for treatment, not for fun — further away.

It is time for the state to treat medical marijuana patients like medical patients

and fully repeal the medical marijuana certificate fees.

*Nathan Tinker is the secretary of the Academy of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and CEO of the Connecticut Pharmacists Association.*

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Conceding is crucial part of a democracy

Richard Brown's letter states that Hillary Clinton was not gracious in defeat. I agree. But he missed the more important point. Clinton conceded shortly after she lost. Four years later, Donald Trump, in his loss, was far worse than ungracious, he has never conceded.

It might be better explained using a basketball metaphor. Team A beats Team B by two points (2 million votes). Under archaic rules, only the points scored in the last quarter count, in which Team B scored more. Team A loses on a technicality. Although the team knows it was robbed, it concedes and goes on with life. Compare that with Team A now winning by seven (7 million votes), plus winning the fourth quarter. Despite the clear loss, Team B cannot accept this. It appeals to the referees (courts), plus game officials, to no avail. The team steals the ball and exhorts its fans to tear down the backboards, rip up the floors and the stands. Losing sucks, whether in sports or politics. But taking our lumps and conceding, whether gracious or not, is a crucial part of democracy.

**David Poriss, Burlington**

#### Ending police bias would make us safer

According to the Connecticut Racial Profiling Prohibition Project, this past summer marked the sixth year in a row that the Wethersfield Police Department made the most racially biased traffic stops in Hartford County. How many years must pass before we demand change? According to the 2020 U.S. Census, Wethersfield has a population of more than 27,000; 86% of those people identify as white, 8% identify as Hispanic and 4% as Black.

However, researchers found that Hispanic individuals were 15% more likely to be stopped, while Blacks were 13% more likely. This discriminatory policing is unacceptable.

Traffic stops should be equally enforced, regardless of race. Racially profiling traffic stops does not make communities safer, but does the opposite. Communities across the country have fought to end discriminatory policing through reformed training to educate officers on implicit bias, and give them strategies to combat it. I urge us to come together and demand action to end police bias and make our community safer.

**Tiffany Diorio, Hartford**

#### Rent squeeze particularly hard on elderly

I would like to respond to Kenneth Gosselin's article on the rising cost of apartment rentals [Page 1, March 27, "Soaring rents squeeze tenants"]. This situation is going to make it more difficult for people, but it is going to be particularly hard on the elderly and disabled who rely on federal and state assistance.

And it is going to force more people, including many with long COVID, to apply for state assistance as well as having them wind up in care facilities because they cannot afford to live elsewhere.

Finding affordable housing has been difficult for years for people living on social security and particularly on SSI. Something must be done to alter this situation or there are going to be sick and elderly living under bridges and highway overpasses.

**Lisa Phillip Rimland, Storrs**

#### Bill would let homeowners kill wildlife in yard

We are saddened by a disingenuous bill moving through the Connecticut legislature that would allow for the large-scale and unjustified killing of bears and other wildlife. The bill, deceptively named "An Act Concerning Wildlife that Causes Damage to Livestock, Poultry or Bees," will create a gaping loophole by allowing landowners to freely kill bears and other wildlife in their backyards under the guise of damage prevention.

This bill provides a disincentive for those who actually have a wildlife problem to first try effective non-lethal methods, such as animal-proof trash containers, removal of food sources, etc. Most distressing, this legislation allows the person shooting wildlife to keep the killed animal, thereby providing a back door for trophy hunting. This will result in some people exaggerating "nuisance" conflicts in order to kill bears (and other wildlife). As wildlife rehabilitators, we are also greatly concerned about the bear cubs who normally spend two years with their mother, but will now become orphaned and likely starve once their mother is shot. We urge everyone to contact their state legislators and demand that this irresponsible bill — Senate bill 244 — be opposed to protect bears and other wildlife from indiscriminate and unjustified killing.

**Laura Simon**

*The writer is president of the Connecticut Wildlife Rehabilitators Association*

## Join me in demanding equitable school funding

By Fred Thornley III

Teaching in Hartford is no longer about being inspired, it is about getting through the day.

When spending just a short amount of time inside a school in Hartford, it quickly becomes evident just how underfunded our schools really are. Classrooms are crowded, student-to-staff ratios are out of control, and most faculty and staff are just trying to make it through the day.

Calling this school year challenging in Hartford would be an understatement. We are suffering from an ever-increasing staffing shortage, and there is currently no end in sight. And for every teacher who ultimately chooses to leave the district, the amount of work needed in the district does not change, placing more responsibility on the teachers in the school, and the likelihood of remaining teachers to leave increases exponentially. This feeds into a repetitive cycle that needs to end.

Along with my typical teaching workload, my days at work are filled with covering other classes during my prep periods and compensating for our lack of staff. Instead of spending time thinking about lesson plans, I am spending the few planning periods I do have thinking about the logistics of the next day and which teachers will be out and who will have to cover. Our teachers are all overextending themselves and trying to do everything they can to give our students positive experiences, but we cannot do it alone.

An integral part of teaching and building successful relationships with students is providing meaningful feedback on their performance in the classroom and providing individualized attention to each student. Without personalized feedback from teachers, students cannot grow and improve their behaviors and thought processes in the classroom. Individualized attention allows teachers to get to know their students, while also helping them to feel safe and secure in school and succeed in their academics.

Unfortunately, time and structure for teachers during the school day are needed to be able to curate and deliver that feedback, and additional support staff is needed to give students essential one-on-one attention. However, that is currently impossible because, as teachers, we are all operating in survival mode and there is not enough staff to focus on individual students.

Many of these issues existed before COVID-19, but have been exacerbated

throughout the past two years. Fortunately, Connecticut schools were granted federal dollars to help mitigate learning loss that occurred during the pandemic in the form of American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER funds. These funds can help schools in districts like Hartford to hire additional staff or implement new programming to help teachers and students. Unfortunately, however, our district will not hire new staff or implement necessary programming for fear of what will happen when the funds expire. Without fully funding education by the time these federal dollars run out, implementing new initiatives is pointless. Our schools need the financial security to be able to adequately provide for our students.

None of the improvements needed in our classrooms can be done successfully without the necessary personnel.

There are so many differentiating factors within the classroom, and the only way we will be able to improve upon or fix the issues within our schools is investment in human capital. We need high-quality teachers with manageable workloads, and high-quality support staff to help keep these workloads manageable. Every child needs support and that support looks different for each student. We need the personnel that can provide this support across the board — more teachers, social workers, classroom aids, etc. The success of our students depends on it.

Connecticut legislative bill HB5283 will require the state to expedite the ECS phase in and fully fund education by the time the federal dollars run out, giving our schools the opportunity to provide necessary resources for our students, while also easing the burden that often falls onto the shoulders of our educators. Teachers are on the front lines. We are juggling multiple responsibilities, all while trying to ensure that the next generation of Connecticut leaders is receiving a fair, equitable and adequate classroom experience. What lawmakers do during this legislative session tells us the value we as a state place on education, on our students and on our hardworking teachers. If lawmakers do not pass HB5283, they are telling us that we are not valued, and that some students simply do not matter.

Join me in demanding equitable school funding.

*Fred Thornley III is a teacher at Noah Webster Middle School in Hartford.*

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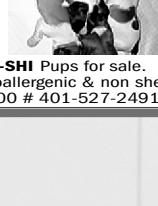
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## TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

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## Hartford

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## Public Notice

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Special Use - 1001 Day Hill Road, Commercial Recreational Facility, Section 8.6E, I Zone, Dudleyton Brewing Co. LLC/Square Peg Pizzeria, LLC

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**NOTICE**

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## LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

Notice is hereby given that I failed to receive within the time specified in Section 9-391 of the General Statutes the certifications of names of any persons as party-selected delegates of the Republican Party in the Town of West Hartford as Delegates to the Convention of said party specified below:

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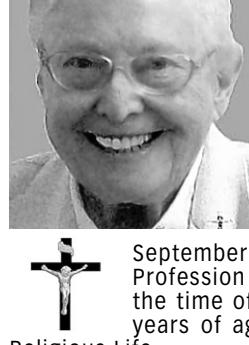
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Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

**OBITUARIES****Nilan (CJS), Sr. Helen**

WEST HARTFORD— Sister Helen Nilan (Sister Mary Thaddeus), a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry, West Hartford, CT died April 1, 2022, at Msgr. Bojnowski Manor in New Britain, CT. Born in Brooklyn, NY, on September 30, 1927, to the late James Howard Nilan and Ellen Mary (Gordan) Nilan, Sister Helen entered the Sisters of St. Joseph on September 8, 1950, and celebrated her Profession of Vows on August 23, 1956. At the time of her death, Sister Helen was 94 years of age and was in her 72nd year of Religious Life.

Sister Helen graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in Stamford, an all-girls high school opened and administrated in 1922 by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Following her time at the Academy, she went on to graduate from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Waterbury, CT. After joining the community, Sister Helen earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Diocesan Sisters College, West Hartford, CT, and assumed a position St. Joseph Hospital in Stamford, eventually supervising the pediatric department. She was missioned to St. John School in Deep River as an infirmary, a position she enjoyed as much as her young charges enjoyed the extra attention she provided during illnesses.

In 1966, Sister Helen graciously responded to our Congregation's invitation to go on mission to Iceland. For several years, she served as an RN supervisor at St. Joseph Hospital, Reykjavik, Iceland, and later, as the Administrator of St. Joseph Hospital, in Hafnarfjord, another one of the Sisters of St. Joseph Danish missions. The Danish Province pioneered work to benefit the sick in Iceland, paying attention to the many military personnel and their families stationed there who frequented the Hospital. While not enamored of the snow and cold, Sister Helen delighted in her time in Iceland, offering healing and her good humor as a soothing balm to patients, staff and families.

Sister Helen returned to the United States for a much-needed vacation. However, a severe car accident on a trip from the Provincial House in West Hartford back to St. Joseph Hospital ended her dream to return to her beloved Iceland. For a time, she resumed nursing duties at St. Joseph Hospital before moving to St. Mary Hospital in Waterbury, there becoming an integral person in the Pastoral Care Department. Her caring personality and good cheer offered patients and families a friendly face and listening ear. Not one to forgo a challenge, Sister Helen took up both calligraphy and oil painting as hobbies, producing lovely works of art in both mediums.

Walking the long halls in the hospital eventually became difficult. She responded to another invitation to serve as a chauffeur for the Sisters living at the Provincial House in West Hartford. Sister Helen became a volunteer driver, sharing her driving talent for fourteen years. Still not ready to retire, Sister Helen took on the role of reception/ switchboard operator for the Provincial House, a natural ministry she expressed through her voice on the phone and her warm welcome and hospitality as she invited guests through the doors.

Always a lover of dogs of all breeds and sizes, Sister Helen expressed special joy when visiting guests to the convent arrived with their furry companions. On her shift, she tucked away a small bag of doggie treats for lucky four-pawed guests. The Sisters always knew when a special guest arrived by her hearty welcome and laugh, and the occasional thank you 'bark' from the guest.

As her health declined, she never missed attending activities of interest, and maintained a high level of attention to all community endeavors. Requiring more care after a fall, she moved to Bojnowski Manor with her usual graciousness. The Sisters of St. Joseph wish to thank the staff and administration for their attention and care showered on Sister Helen during these last years.

In addition to her Sisters in Community, Sister Helen is survived by a cousin and his wife, Roy and Roe Cummins of Pennsylvania, and dear friends, Patricia Delyonas and family of Norwalk and Jane E. Hall and family of Bethel. She is predeceased by her sister, Mary Nilan.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health conditions and restrictions for licensed facilities, a graveside service for family, friends, and Sisters will take place Thursday, April 7, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sisters of St. Joseph Cemetery on Ringgold Street in West Hartford. If unvacinated, please wear a mask. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you consider a memorial donation to the Sisters of St. Joseph, c/o Office of Mission Advancement, 650 Willard Avenue, Newington, CT 06111. Fisette-Batzner Funeral Home, 20 Bonair Avenue, Newington, has care of the arrangements.



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**OBITUARIES****Ellovich, E. Michael**

E. Michael Ellovich, 90, of Bloomfield, passed away peacefully on April 1, 2022, at Hartford Hospital, surrounded by his entire family. Mike was born on March 9, 1932, in Hartford, CT to the late Myer (Lux) and Rose (White) Ellovich; and was the beloved husband for over 65 years to Lois (Perlysky) Ellovich, whom he met on a blind date set up by their respective fathers and were engaged six weeks later.

Mike attended The Loomis School, Dartmouth College, and the former Hillyar College (Univ. of Hartford) where he received his M.Ed. Additionally, Mike spent three years in the United States Marine Corps that last of which was spent playing for the All-Marine Division basketball team in Japan. Later in life, while continuing to work full-time, he attained his Doctorate in Psychology (Psy.D). Mike was the quintessential psychologist who started his career at The Institute of Living; went on to hold years-long school psychologist positions at the Rectory School (Pomfret, CT), Forman School (Litchfield, CT), Oxford Academy (Westbrook, CT) and the Marvelwood School (Kent, CT), traveling great distance each day from his home in West Hartford, and providing expert advice and counsel in his inimitable way to students for over 50 years. He maintained a private practice through an office originally in his home and later in Bloomfield where he met and helped thousands of children and adults with his easy going, insightful manner over his decades-long career. When introduced to anyone as Dr. Ellovich, he always corrected them and said, "call me Mike".

Mike was a 3-sport captain at Loomis (soccer, basketball & baseball); played basketball at Dartmouth; and was an avid life-long golfer and former member of Tumble Brook Country Club and the Rockledge Men's Club. For much of his golfing life, Mike held a single-digit handicap due mainly to the fact, as he used to say, "I putt pretty well". He will be missed by so many close friends he met and maintained on the golf course; relationships he treasured and nurtured with his easy-going way, wit, and humor. A voracious reader, Mike was known to have 2-3 books going at any one time and loved discussing and debating those various subjects with friends and family. At night and on weekends, he enjoyed nothing more than watching (with Lois) his beloved New York Yankees and wanted nothing more than to be with his grandchildren. He attended countless dance and piano recitals; hundreds of soccer, basketball, and baseball games; special breakfasts; and, as their biggest fan, held a very special relationship with each one of them.

Mike is survived by his wife Lois; his children David (Lisa) Ellovich and Karen (Gordon) Binkhorst, both of West Hartford; and the absolute light of his life grandchildren, Jenna Binkhorst (Laurent Officer); Sara Binkhorst (Elena, Bowman); Joshua and Melanie Binkhorst; and Benjamin and Zachary Ellovich.

A memorial service is being planned for Tuesday, April 5th (TODAY) at 11:30am at the Congregation Beth Israel, 701 Farmington Ave., West Hartford with a luncheon reception immediately following the burial, back at Beth Israel.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the E. Michael and Lois P. Ellovich Family Fund at the Hartford Jewish Federation; the Rectory School, 528 Pomfret Street, Pomfret, CT 06258; or to the donor's choice.

Additionally, Mike's family would like to express their sincerest thanks to the nurses, aides, and staff at Seabury for their wonderful and friendship over the past two years.

To stream the service: <http://www.cbi.org/>

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**Lemire, Kristine**

Kristine Lemire 51 passed away on March 18, 2022, after a long valiant battle with breast cancer. Kris dedicated her life to caring for her son Michael. Kris unselfishly cared for her mother Karen until she passed in 2018. Kris worked at different jobs during her lifetime, but working as a companion helping individuals was what she truly enjoyed.

She leaves her son, Michael Lemire; father, W. Joseph Lemire and wife Lee; sister, Keri Clift and husband Ben; 2 nephews, Ethan and Cedric Clift; an aunt, Sue Corriveau-Powers (Dave); an uncle, Robert Novicki (Jackie); long-time family friend, Tina Puia; close friend Nancy Jerome and many others who cared deeply for her.

A celebration of life will be held April 10 at the Manchester Elks Lodge 1893, 30 Bissell Street, Manchester, CT, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Memories shared help to heal.

Donations in the name of Kristine Lemire can be sent to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 280285, East Hartford, CT 06128. To direct your donation to breast cancer research, please add to the memo line: Breast Cancer

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**Stargardter, Hans**

Hans Stargardter, 94, passed away on April 3 with his wife Henrietta (Stepner) by his side. Hans was born in Breslau, Germany. In 1938 he immigrated to Guatemala, escaping from the Nazi's. As a young man, he received a work study scholarship to attend Florida Southern College, where he graduated in 3 years and more importantly met the love of his life on the tennis court. They were married soon after and were positive role models for marriage for the next 70 years.

A man with a sharp mind, he was always thinking, and usually the outcome of his deliberations were an out of the box solution, both unexpected and brilliant. As a professional mechanical engineer he arrived at Pratt and Whitney in 1964, where he earned many patents in his field of expertise, turbine blade vibration.

Some of his favorite pastimes were tennis, bridge, sailing and skiing. He had a great topspin backhand, a propensity to hike out far in the gunnels, a stickler for the rules, and you could see him on the slopes of Sundown every Christmas morning. Later on in his life he became a wonderful metal sculptor, exhibiting in many galleries throughout Connecticut. Hans will be remembered as a devoted family man and his family felt the tenacity of his devotion. This was provided to anyone in his extended family, and Hans was known as the patriarch of the Stargardter family worldwide. His heart and his generosity will be deeply missed. He leaves behind his wife Henrietta, children Herman (wife Eleanor); Ben (wife Ivana), Paul (wife Phyllis); Susan Jaafar and Ann Stargardter; 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Services will be private, and the family will sit shiva on Thursday, April 6 between 2-4 pm at their home at 87 Kenmore Road in Bloomfield. A celebration of his life will be held at their cottage in Saybrook later this spring. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the rabbi's discretionary fund at Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation 54 Bushy Hill Road Simsbury CT 06070. The family wishes to thank Faith Kinback, Danielle Small, Kerry Rauch and Dr. Munish Shastri for the compassionate care they gave to Hans at the end of his life.

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**Burns, Joel**

Merrimack, New Hampshire - Joel Edward Burns passed away unexpectedly from a fall in his home in Merrimack, New Hampshire on March 30, 2022.

Joel was born on July 17, 1972, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington, Connecticut. He grew up in Litchfield, Connecticut. He attended Litchfield Center School, Bantam School, Litchfield Middle School and graduated from Litchfield High School in 1990.

Following high school, Joel attended Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. In 1994, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. It was at Catholic University where Joel met and eventually married Emily Fasnacht. Shortly after getting married, they moved to New Hampshire to follow their careers. On August 4, 2003, Joel and Emily had a son, Ethan Burns, who is attending Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Joel began his own business in New Hampshire, called Northern Summits, a successful marketing site for creating and maintaining websites for nonprofit agencies throughout the country.

Joel was an outdoor enthusiast, who loved to hike and climb in the White Mountains. He climbed the 48 4000-Footers, described in the Appalachian Mountain Guidebook. In addition, he became a skilled rock and ice climber throughout the northern peaks of the White Mountains. Joel also had a strong love of music and was an exceptional musician.

Joel was a volunteer at the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Pantry and for brief time, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the agency.

Joel was a very generous and wonderful man, who was greatly loved by his family and many friends of Merrimack, New Hampshire and Litchfield, Connecticut. Joel's friends and family have reminisced about his witty sense of humor, his commitment to helping others and his deep long-lasting friendships. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

Joel was pre-deceased by his mother, Eileen Ruth Burns (June 14, 2018). He is survived by his father, Edward Burns, his son, Ethan Burns, his former wife, Emily Burns, his siblings and their spouses, Alice Van Ormer, Frank and Sue Van Ormer and John and Lee Van Ormer, along with his many nieces, nephews, Aunts and Uncles and cousins.

Donations may be made to the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter in Nashua, New Hampshire ([nsks.org](http://nsks.org)). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 10:30am at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 49 South Street, Litchfield. Burial will follow in St. Anthony Cemetery, Litchfield. Calling hours will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Thurston Rowe Funeral Home, 283 Torrington Road, Litchfield, CT 06759.

Kindly visit [www.thurstonrowefuneralhome.com](http://www.thurstonrowefuneralhome.com) to send the family an online condolence.

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**Grandy, Stanley P**

Stanley P. Grandy, 87, of Rocky Hill, formerly of Plainville, passed away peacefully on March 30, 2022 at Saint Francis Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband to Joan E. (Fallo) Grandy and together they shared 66 wonderful years of marriage, full of love and laughter.

Stan was born on May 12, 1934 in New Britain, CT son to the late Peter and Wladyslawa (Mynarski) Grendzinski. He married his sweetheart Joan on June 18, 1955 and together they raised a beautiful family in Plainville. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and enjoyed his time spent surrounded by his family, especially during the Holidays when they all gathered together.

He loved spending time with and playing with his grandchildren, as they brought him much joy and kept him on his toes. In his free time, Stan enjoyed rooting for the women and men's UCONN basketball teams, completing word and crossword puzzles, and spending time at the casinos, Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun. He was formerly employed by Stop and Shop as the meat manager where he spent many years assisting customers and creating bonds within the workplace.

The patriarch of his family, Stan will be missed dearly as his family cherishes the memories they have shared over the years.

In addition to his wife, Joan, Stan is survived by his daughter, Debbie Grandy, of Winsted; his son, Peter Grandy and his fiancee, Gabriella Albini, of Farmington; his grandson, Alexander Grandy and his wife, Annie, of West Hartford, Nicholas Grandy and his wife, Chrissy, of NC, and Adam Bell, of CT; his granddaughters, Lauren Grandy and her partner, Kevin Boylan, of Farmington and Rachel Kimber, of MA; his great-grandchildren, Brady and Braelyn Kimber, of MA and Jackson and Hannah Grandy, of West Hartford; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his 3 sisters, his 2 brothers, and his 2 nephews.

Family and friends are welcome to gather on Tuesday, April 5 from 5 to 7 PM at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 6 at 10 AM at the Church of Saint Patrick, 110 Main St., Farmington.

Everyone is asked to meet directly at the church.

Burial will follow in Saint Mary Cemetery, New Britain.

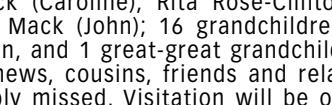
In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Stan can be made to the Rocky Hill Human Services, made payable to Town of Rocky Hill, 699 Old Main St., Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or to the American Lung Association in CT, 45 Ash St., East Hartford, CT 06108. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlanvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlanvilleFuneralHome.com).



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**Mack, Edora E.**

Edora Elizabeth Mack, passed away on Friday, April 1, 2022. She was born on August 20, 1927, in Holly Hill, South Carolina and was the 5th child of Essie and Elmus Anderson. Edora was known as the "best hairdresser in town". She was predeceased by her husband Henry Mack and son Carlton Mack. Edora is survived by her four children: Juanita Hall, Charles Mack (Caroline), Rita Rose-Clinton (Ronald), and Yvonne Mack (John); 16 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and relatives. She will be deeply missed. Visitation will be on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 10:00 am at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Rd, Windsor. Visit, [www.carmontfuneral-home.com](http://www.carmontfuneral-home.com) to view full obituary, leave condolences or to attend the service remotely.



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### Alexandre, Ertá



Ertá (Gouin) Alexandre, 88, of Manchester, CT entered into eternal rest on Saturday, April 2, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. Born May 16, 1933, in Les Cayes, Haiti, Ertá was the loving daughter of Absalon and Julia (Gedeon) Gouin. She came to the United States in 1964 to build a better life and raise a family. Ertá retired from The Travelers Insurance Co. after many years of service and started a second career as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Crestfield Rehabilitation Center in Manchester. After retirement, one of her passions was competing as a ballroom dancer with Arthur Murray Dance Studio. Ertá was fearless and would say "be a leader, not a follower." In true form, she overcame obstacles; was a trailblazer laying the foundation for her children, family and others to follow. Ertá was a loving and devoted mother, no sacrifice was too great to ensure her children's happiness and success. She had a zest for life and loved spending time with family, cooking delicious meals, sewing, traveling, and going to the casino.

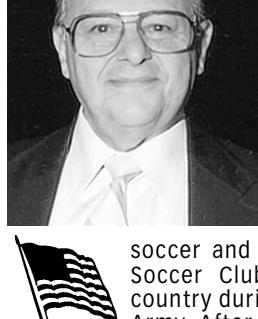
Ertá is survived by four siblings: Laurette Paul of Springfield Gardens, NY; Pierre Gouin of Manchester, CT; Mathilde Dupervil of Manchester, CT; and, Carlo Gouin of Elmont, NY. She was predeceased by her brothers, Father Nerva Gouin, Monseigneur Albert Gouin, and Max Gouin, and sister, Simone Boyer. Ertá will forever be missed by her children, Richard Alexandre of South Windsor, CT and Marjorie (Alexandre) Davis and her husband, Lawrence of Hartford, CT; and five beloved grandchildren Jordan Alexandre, Julian Alexandre and Jadan Alexandre of South Windsor, CT; and Lauryn Davis and Nicole Davis of Hartford, CT; and many more loving family members and friends.

Calling hours for family and friends are on Friday, April 8 from 9:00-10:30am at John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., Manchester, CT. Mass follows at 11:00am at The Church of the Assumption, 27 S. Adams Street, Manchester, CT. Burial is immediately following at East Cemetery, Manchester. For online condolences, please visit [www.tierneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tierneyfuneralhome.com).

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### Coralli, Rodolfo A. R.



Rodolfo A. R. "Rudy" Coralli, 94, of Bolton, beloved husband of the late Anna (Zuccaro) Coralli died peacefully on Friday, April 1, 2022, at The Ivy at Ellington surrounded by his family. Rudy was born in Queens, NY, on January 10, 1928, son of the late Ezio and Ida (Picchini) Coralli. Rudy grew up in Florence, Italy during the war and came back to the U.S. at age 19. He enjoyed soccer and played in the Italian American Soccer Club in Hartford. He served our country during the Korean War with the U.S. Army. After the war he was married to the love of his life, Anna. He and his wife settled in Manchester where they raised their family, before building a home in Bolton 40 years ago. Rudy worked at Italian Bakeries in Hartford in his younger years and then took a sales job with Pittsburgh Paint, where he worked for over 30 years. He was a devoted family man and passionate about serving the community. He was an active parishioner of the Church of St. Maurice in Bolton, as well as the Bolton Lions Club and the Bolton Senior Center. Rudy enjoyed baking and cooking for family and friends and travel. He will be dearly missed. He leaves his son, Jeff Coralli, and his wife Joanne of South Windsor; and his grandchildren, Matthew Coralli of Berlin, Anthony Coralli of Newington, and Justin Coralli of South Windsor. He was predeceased by his daughter, Laurie Wilson and his sister, Louisa Campisi of Windsor. His family will receive friends on Friday, April 8, 2022, from 5-7 p.m., at the Samson & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022, 10 a.m., meeting directly at Church of St. Maurice, 32 Hebron Rd., Bolton. Burial will follow at Bolton Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to The Bolton Senior Center, 222 Bolton Center Road, Bolton Ct 06043. For online condolences please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com)

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### Parmelee, Harold J.



Harold J. "Hal" Parmelee, 84, of Bloomfield, beloved husband of Sylvia (Hogblom) Parmelee, died Friday, March 25, 2022. He was born May 14, 1937, in Middletown CT. Son of the late Harold Leon and Alice (Stacey) Parmelee, Hal had been married to his loving wife, Sylvia (Hogblom) for 61 years.

Hal grew up in Haddam CT. He was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High school (1955), Bowdoin College and MIT where he earned a degree in Civil engineering, and joined the ROTC. Hal was a Lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers from 1961 to 1963. Hal was a sportsman and athlete who played baseball and basketball thru high school and college. He also played on the Army baseball travel team. Hal enjoyed following the Red Sox and UConn basketball programs.

Hal's business career began with Turner Construction in 1960 where he rose to President of Turner Corporation from 1989 to 1999. In his "retirement" Hal worked at JA Jones Construction, Hogblom Builders, Balfour Beatty, and Clayco Construction. Hal was known as a leader who was approachable, supportive, fair, and genuine. Hal loved his work, and cared for the people he worked with.

In addition to his wife Sylvia, Hal is survived by his daughter, Andrea Shotwell and husband Jay; His son, Harold L. Parmelee and wife Susan (Schroer). Hal was predeceased by grandson Hunter Shotwell, by Brother Bill and sister Donna (Bryant). Hal is survived by his brother, Charles Parmelee and his wife Carolyn (Kadrie); Grandson, Andrew Parmelee and wife Lauren (Marchetti), and Grandson Matthew Parmelee. There are many other close family members, friends, and colleagues who hold Hal dearly and will miss him.

A memorial service will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Friday May 13th at the Simsbury United Methodist Church, 799 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury. There will be a reception following the service at Metrobis, 690 Hopmeadow St. Simsbury. Burial will be private. Donations in Hal's memory may be made to the Smilo Cancer Center, 35 York Street, New Haven, CT 06520. <https://www.givetoyhh.org/>. The Vincent Funeral Home of Simsbury is caring for the arrangements. Please visit Hal's Book of Memories at [www.vincentfuneralhome.com](http://www.vincentfuneralhome.com) for online tributes.

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### Bosco, Joseph Charles



Joseph "Joey" Charles Bosco, 60, entered into eternal peace on Friday, April 1st 2022 surrounded by his family. Joey was born on February 26, 1962, in Springfield, MA. He was the son of the late Angelo and Mary (Diana) Bosco. He was a lifelong resident of Enfield, and graduated class of 1980 from Enfield High School.

Joey was co-owner of Bosco Automotive Inc., in Enfield. He served on several community boards where he held different positions. He was a member of the Enfield Town Council for 14+ years, where Joey loved the town of Enfield, and spent many hours of dedication. Joey was proud to call Enfield his home. Joey was also a Board of Director for the Four Town Fair, where he spent many hours leading up to fair weekends, where he spent time with family and friends. Joey loved spending his free time going to the beach, car shows, and time spent on his farm. On Friday nights you could find Joey at the Country Diner surrounded by close family, friends, talking for hours. Joey's greatest title was being called "Papa" by his loving grandchildren who he adored and cherished very much.

Joey leaves behind his loving wife Jackie, and daughters, Jacquelyn M. Siekiera and her husband Zachary, Jessica M. Bosco, Jamie Jo Bosco, and spouse, Isaac Velazquez, and considered son in law, Ben Hebert all of Enfield, four cherished grandchildren, Charlotte, Waylon Joseph, Oliver, and Reagan. Joey also leaves behind his brothers, Angelo and wife Christie Bosco, John and wife Alison Bosco, his sister, Rori and her husband Nelson Correia, sister-in-law, Lori Bosco all of Enfield, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother Charlie Bosco in 2021.

Family and friends are invited to gather for calling hours for Joey, on Thursday, April 7, from 3 - 7 P.M. at Browne Memorial Chapels, 43 Shaker Rd., Enfield, CT. Joey's funeral will be held on Friday, April 8, beginning at 9:30 A.M. from the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated by his cousin, Fr. Al Fontana at 11 A.M. at Holy Family Church, (St. Jeanne Jugan Parish), 23 Simon Rd., Enfield. Committal prayers and burial will follow immediately after the mass in St. Patrick's King Street Cemetery in Enfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joey's name may be made to the Hartford County 4-H Camp, 247 South Rd., Marlborough, CT 06447. For online condolences please visit [brownememorialchapels.com](http://brownememorialchapels.com).

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### Albert, Jr., Donald F.



Donald Francis Albert, Jr., 77, of Higganum, Connecticut passed away peacefully at home on April 3, 2022. Born on December 4, 1944 in New Britain, Connecticut, he was the son of the late Donald F. and Marie M. (Sitz) Albert. He was a graduate of Goodwin Technical School, New Britain and Hartford Technical College and served in the Connecticut National Guard. Donald's career spanned more than 50 years at Wesleyan University, retiring as manager of scientific facilities and instruments in the University's chemistry department. He cherished every day working with colleagues, graduate and undergrad students, and considered each day an experience to learn something new. He had a practical brilliance and an amazing ability and passion to understand how things worked and was often called upon to find solutions to complex problems, much to the amazement of experts in the field. An avid inventor, Donald is named in 13 patents ranging from a snow removal device, "The PushOver," and various enhancements to chemistry equipment, to developing the process to create a novel organic aerogel material from which an entire new industry was created. When not in Wesleyan's lab, Donald could often be found downstairs in his basement workshop creating his signature hand-made, intricate wooden streetscapes and bird houses, tying fly fishing lures, or outside in his ornate gardens keeping up his beautiful landscapes which included koi ponds and Asian gardens. He enjoyed spending time with his family vacationing in Maine, Misquamicut Beach and Cape Cod. He was always on the look out to help a friend with anything asked of him, selflessly giving of his time and his ability to fix almost anything. He was an avid fisherman and loved his time with his friends, meeting to share a beer and conversation. Donald is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years Dorothy E. (Corona) Albert who devoted herself to his daily care during his illness; his sister Diane M. Albert, of West Hartford, CT and her spouse, Char Wilkins; his son Christopher R. Albert of East Greenwich, RI, and spouse Lisa Doucet-Albert and grandsons Christian and Jackson; and his son Jonathan W. Albert of Middlefield, CT and spouse Colleen (McGuiness) Albert and grandsons Joseph and Jonathan. Donald was devoted to his family, always passing along his wisdom and sharing his creativity and ability to find the good and beauty in everything. A man of science and of faith, he brought together an inventive, inquisitive spirit and an artistic, creative soul. Private services will be held. Biega Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. To share memories or express condolences online please visit [www.biegafuneralhome.com](http://www.biegafuneralhome.com).

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### Geraci, Jeanne



Jeanne "Moo" Geraci, 79, of Newington, passed away unexpectedly on March 31, 2022. Jeanne was born on June 4, 1942, to the late Joseph and Theresa (Paoletta) Geraci in Hartford. After graduating from Hartford Public High School in 1960, she attended cosmetology school. She then went on to obtain her cosmetology license. Jeanne later became the owner/operator of the Free Spirit Hair Salon in Newington, where she resided most of her life. Jeanne also ran her own cleaning business for over 20 years, at River Point Condominiums. As a certified Reiki master, Jeanne was passionate about assisting those in need of spiritual healing, including volunteering her special gift to patients of Hartford Hospital. Jeanne excelled at propping up family, friends, and even strangers in need. She provided support to countless individuals, through the many passions and difficulties of their lives. She was a country music fan, especially her most favorite artist Luke Bryan. In an addition to being a member of the Wethersfield/Rocky Hill Elks Lodge 2308, Sons and Daughters of Italy Ella T. Grasso Lodge 2538; St. Anthony's Society; Polish Falcons of Middletown; and Newly Retired Newington Women; Jeanne dedicated her life to being fantastic member of her community, who will miss her greatly. Jeanne was predeceased by her parents, her sister, Marian and brother, Peter. She is survived by her brother, Joseph Geraci; children Emily Figueroa, Teressa Juliano and Peter Zalzmanis; son-in-law, Jose Figueroa and four grandchildren Peter Zalzmanis Jr., Auria Figueroa, Jose Figueroa; Nicholas Capone III; cousin Pat Tarca; best friend Joanne Villnow; great friend, John "Bubba" Kilroy, and several beloved nieces and nephews. She was a best friend to so many. We are thankful she was very happy in her final days. Thank you to all for all those efforts. The support has been amazing and shows just how loved she is and will be missed. Family and friends may call on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, with her Memorial Service beginning at 5:00 pm at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial Funeral Home, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. She will be lovingly laid to rest privately. To share a memory with Jeanne's family, please visit us at [www.duksa.net](http://www.duksa.net)

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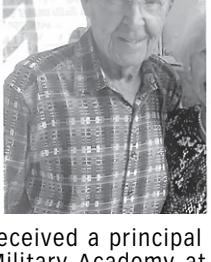
### Meisterling, Irmgard Maria (Kolip)



Irmgard Maria (Kolipiantek) Meisterling, age 88, passed away April 2, 2022, while in hospice care at New Britain General Hospital. Irma was born in March 1934 on Staten Island. She earned her Laboratory Sciences degree from Western Connecticut State University and completed training as a medical technologist at Middlesex Hospital. Divorced in 1961 and left with three young children, Irma worked for over 36 years at Meriden Wallingford (MidState) Hospital, the majority of that time as the Hematology Supervisor devoted to 52-hour workweeks. Revered for her kindness and generosity to family and friends, following retirement in 1999 Irma served her wider community as a volunteer for the Red Cross, an ESL program for immigrants, the Bushnell Theater, her homeowners association and Community Emergency Response Team. She is predeceased by her devoted and brilliant parents Theresa and Hubert Kolip, her brother Walter, and her longtime companion Allen Rosenberg. Irma leaves her daughter Cheryl and husband David Sherwood, son Karl and wife Heather Meisterling, and son Wally Meisterling; grandchildren Brenda, Gabriel, Kirsten, Nils and Lily; great grandchildren Remi, Alyssa and Nicholas; and loving, devoted partner Roger Modeen. A celebration of her extraordinary life is planned for early summer. Donations in her honor can be directed to the Heart and Stroke Research Fund or your favored charity.

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### Sulik, John Anthony



U.S. Veteran LTC John Anthony Sulik of Stoneham died peacefully March 27, 2022 at the West Palm Beach, FL VA Hospice Facility. He was 90 years old. Born in New Britain, CT and raised in Norwich, CT, he was the son of the late John and Alice (Murzyn) Sulik. After graduating from Norwich Free Academy, he received a principal appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point and entered with the class of 1954. Upon graduation, he was commissioned in the Army Corps of Engineers. Among his military service assignments, he saw duty in Japan, Iran, Germany, South Vietnam and Korea where he commanded the 11th Combat Engineer Battalion. In the United States, he taught ROTC at the City University of New York for three years. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star, four Army Commendation Medals and the Ranger Tab. He was a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and received a Master of Science in Civil Engineering degree from Iowa State University. Upon retiring from military service, John became Director of Public Works in Hartford, CT. Four years later, he was appointed to the position of City Manager. After a short time, he returned to his real vocation, managing public works departments in a municipal setting. Over the next 21 years, he managed public works in Billerica and Newton, MA and Stamford, CT, finishing with 17 years in Sharon, MA. While in Sharon, he gained national attention for his innovative use of calcium chloride in combating winter road ice and again, having been frustrated by vandalism to street signs, he began selling them to the public—the vandalism ended. During retirement, John continued to serve the Town of Sharon as a member of the Water Management Committee. He was president of the Oceancliff I & II timeshare association in Newport, RI. He enjoyed golf and visits to the Connecticut casinos. He is survived by his wife of sixteen years, Dorothy (Dutra) Sulik; three daughters with his first wife, the late Priscilla (Boston) Sulik: JoAnne Sulik and Lisa Adams both of Glastonbury, CT and Wendy MacDonald of Dayville, CT; five grandchildren and his brother, Thomas Sulik and his family of Jewett City, CT. Funeral from the Anderson-Bryant Funeral Home, 4 Common St., Stoneham, Monday, April 11th at 8:30 A.M. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church, 173 Albion St., Wakefield at 10 A.M. Visitation at the funeral home Sunday, 3-6 P.M. In remembrance of John Sulik, those who wish may make contributions to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hyland Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306. Burial will be in West Point Cemetery at a later date. To plant Memorial Trees in memory of John A. Sulik, please click here to visit our Sympathy Store.

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### Roche, Marion T.

Marion T. Roche, 94, of South Windsor, beloved wife of the late Richard H. Roche, died peacefully on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Manchester Manor. Marion was born in Salem, MA, daughter of the late Lawrence and Lucy Teel. She grew up in Marblehead, MA and was a graduate of Marblehead High School. She went on to graduate from Tufts University with a degree in math and physics. Marion would later obtain a master's degree from St. Rose in Albany, NY. She was married to the love of her life, Richard H. Roche, and together they settled in Latham, NY. She worked for GE and later went on to teach at Forts Ferry Elementary School. She was the proud mother to five children. Marion loved the outdoors and had the opportunity to spend summers and most of her retirement in Moultonborough, NH on Lake Winnipesaukee. She loved animals, especially her beloved dogs, and became heavily involved with the rescue of loons through the Loon Society in New Hampshire. Marion was also a talented painter and took many painting classes. In her later years she moved to South Windsor, CT to be near family. A kind, caring, loving and devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and friend to many. Marion will be dearly missed. She leaves her daughter, Leslie Roulier and her husband Paul of South Windsor; son Douglas Roche and his wife Lynn of Amelia Island, FL; son Brian Roche and his wife Diane of Danbury, CT; daughter-in-law Anne Marie Roche of Niskayuna, NY; seven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Richard H. Roche, her son Lawrence Roche, daughter Tracey Roche, and her sisters, Eleanor Bennett, and Alison Livermore. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, April 7 at 11am at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd., South Windsor, CT. A private family burial will take place at Memory Gardens in Albany, NY. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the ASPCA or the American Parkinson Disease Association. For online condolences please visit [www.carmontfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmontfuneralhome.com).

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## OBITUARIES

**Berall, Frank Stewart**

Frank Stewart Berall, of Bloomfield, passed away Thursday, March 31, 2022. He was born February 10, 1929, in Manhattan, New York City. After graduating from Yale College in 1950, with a degree in Economics, he served as an army officer in the field artillery, as a forward observer and also gunnery instructor, for two years during the Korean War. Honorable discharged as a First Lieutenant in 1952, he returned to Yale Law School, graduating in 1955, was admitted to the New York Bar, and immediately started his legal career as an associate with the Wall Street law firm of Mudge, Stern, Baldwin & Todd, while earning a Masters of Law Degree in Taxation from New York University's School of Law (1959).

In 1960, with his young family, Frank moved to Connecticut where he built his beloved home of 55 years on Penwood Pond and joined the Legal Department of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company (now CIGNA). Returning to private practice in 1968, he became a partner in a predecessor of



Copp & Berall, LLP.

During the course of his career, he was one of the leaders of both the Connecticut and American Bar Associations, as well as the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. He was an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Connecticut's Law and Insurance Schools, and Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Hartford's Graduate Tax Program and instructor in the American College (of Life Insurance).

He had a lifelong passion for stamp-collecting, which led early to a deep interest in geography and history, also generating a fascination with trains. In over 40 years of marriage, he and his wife often put their "boots on the ground," traveling across the world numerous times, by air, sea, road, camel and rail, visiting every continent and nearly every country on the globe.

He served as Vice President of the Culver Summer Schools' Alumni Association, and also as a Trustee of the Culver Education Foundation in Indiana. In 1983 he founded Culver's marching unit of returning Alumni, a great source of pride for him, which continues to this day.

Continuing Education was always important to Frank, both as a lecturer and instructor, as well as student. He was working on his PH.D. degree in Law from Leiden University in the Netherlands, right up until his death.

As his health declined he retired from the practice of law and moved into assisted living at Duncaster, where he was extremely well cared for by their very patient, compassionate, and attentive staff. The family's gratitude for their care of him is beyond words.

He was a member of the Hartford Golf Club, the New York City Yale Club, The Hartford Club and the Yale Club of Hartford.

Besides his wife, Jenefer Carey Berall, he leaves a son, Erik D. Berall of Hilo, Hawaii, a daughter, Elissa A. Berall and grandson, Liam A. Berall-Gaard, both of Oakland, California. He was predeceased by his parents, Louis J. and Jeannette F. Berall, and his first wife, Christiana Johnson.

Friends may call on Thursday, April 7, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. His funeral service will be held Friday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 679 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, 200 Whitman Ave., West Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Duncaster, 80 Loeffler Rd., Bloomfield, CT 06002 or the ALZ Association of CT, 200 Executive Blvd., Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489, or a charity of your choice. For online condolences please visit [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

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**Crowley, Margaret**

Margaret (Minutti) Crowley of Manchester, CT passed away peacefully at Brookdale Senior Living facility in South Windsor, CT on April 1, 2022. Margaret was born in New Hampshire, on May 17, 1921, and attended Concord, NH schools. She met her husband, Gerald Crowley, in Concord. Margaret and Gerald had one child, a son, named after his father, Gerald Joseph Crowley. Margaret and her family moved to Connecticut where she and her husband worked at Underwood Typewriter until the company moved to New Jersey. A while after that they bought the Burnside Avenue Hardware Store in East Hartford, and Margaret was in charge of the paint and wallpaper section, in which she excelled. Over the years Margaret and her husband enjoyed their A-Frame cottage in Maine on Ripley Lake and later their cottage in York, ME.

Margaret leaves her daughter-in-law Theresa Sheila Crowley, her grandson Kevin Crowley and her two great-grandchildren Corey Davis and Logan Townsend. Margaret was predeceased by her husband and her grandson, Shawn Crowley, and also her son Gerald, who passed December 9th, 2021. We especially want to thank Margaret's neighbor Melanie Stewart, who always would be "right over" if Margaret needed anything.

Services will be private and held at the convenience of the family. For online condolences, please visit [www.tierneyfuneralhome.com](http://tierneyfuneralhome.com).

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**Redler, Eugenia (Koch)**

Eugenia (Koch) Redler, 96 of Tolland and wife of the late Adolf Redler, passed away on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at Vernon Manor. She was born on May 31, 1925 in Ukraine to the late Franz and Anna (Seelinger) Koch. She emigrated to the United States in 1958. She retired as House Mother from Oak Hill School for the Blind in Hartford, CT. She is survived by her children; Frieda and Hans Hackner of Tolland, Ignatz Redler of Glastonbury, Franz and Lynn Redler of Ellington, Hedwig Itsou and her late husband Sam of Coventry, Christine and Scott Stahl of South Carolina; 8 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Maria Frank, Franz Koch, Jacob Koch, and Ewin Koch and many nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends may join the family from 5-7 p.m., Wed., April 6, 2022 at the Tolland Memorial Funeral Home, 375 Merrow Rd., (Rt 195) Tolland. A funeral procession will gather by 10:15am, Thur., April 7, 2022 at the funeral home to St. Matthew's Church in Tolland for a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am. Burial will follow at South Cemetery in Tolland. Memorial contributions may be made to the Tolland Fire Dept., P.O.Box 827, Tolland, CT 06084. For online condolences please visit: [www.pietrasfuneralhome.com](http://www.pietrasfuneralhome.com)

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**Southey, Rita S.**

Rita (Spinelli) Southey, 87, of Bristol, widow of Harry E. Southey, passed away on March 31, 2022 at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford. To view Rita's full obituary, please visit [www.dupontfuneral-home.com](http://www.dupontfuneral-home.com)

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**Adams, William**

William M. Adams (83) of Vernon, CT passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Sunday, April 3, after a courageous battle with stomach cancer. Bill was born and raised in Manchester, CT. He graduated from the UConn School of Pharmacy in 1961 and worked at Lenox Pharmacy in Manchester before becoming an entrepreneur in 1978.

He was fascinated by the world and never met an interest he couldn't embrace. Exploring New England, biking, enjoying fine wine and music, supporting the UConn Huskies and, of course, reading! Bill was a voracious reader and loved to share his discoveries, often buying multiple copies of a new favorite tome, painstakingly highlighting important passages and distributing them with zeal. His family will forever miss the newspaper clippings arriving without preamble in the mail, as he shared his interests and encouraged theirs. Bill was blessed to share his life with two loving, inspirational and courageous women. Martie, with whom he raised the high-spirited Adams Girls, and Doe, who laughed as she embraced this clan and filled his final years with love and adventure. Bill is survived by his loving wife Doe, daughters and sons-in-law, Carrie & Michael McGill, Leanne Adams & Jim Garbenis, Christine & John Dittrich, Pam Costa and dozens of loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Martie in 2011. Bill was a loving father, husband, grandfather, and friend to everyone. A graveside service will be held on Friday, April 8th at St. James Cemetery on Broad Street in Manchester at 11:00am. The family will greet friends at an open house celebrating his life following the service at Quail Hollow II clubhouse at 34 Vista View Ext., Vernon, CT from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society or First Congregational Church of Vernon. For online condolences, please visit [www.tierneyfuneral-home.com](http://www.tierneyfuneral-home.com).

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**Matiash, Barbara Ann (Bates)**

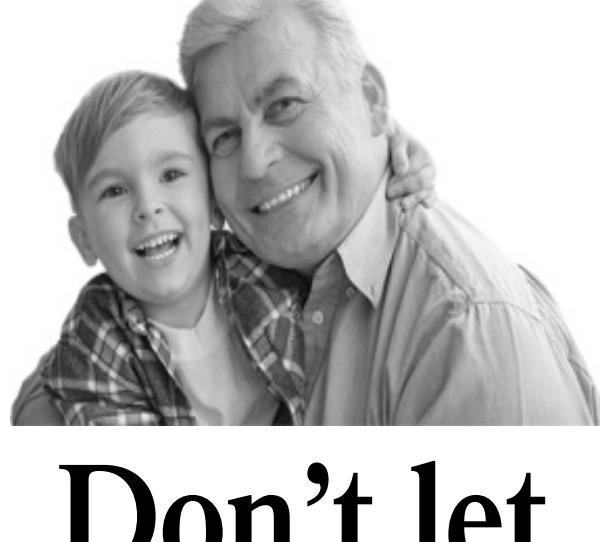
Barbara Ann Matiash, 71, of Southington, a loving person who touched the lives of all those she met, entered eternal life surrounded by her loving family on Friday April 1, 2022, beloved wife of Michael Matiash for 49 years. Barbara was born in Hartford on April 4, 1950. She graduated from Wethersfield High School in 1969. After a short career she became a homemaker. She prided herself for her holiday decorations and enjoyed hosting holidays at home. Her most favorite holiday was Thanksgiving. Her greatest passion in life was her family. She enjoyed attending school-activities, concerts, competitions, recitals and games. Her granddaughters were the highlight of her life. She enjoyed arts & crafts, games and baking with them. She will always be remembered for her holiday cakes especially her Easter bunny cakes.

She was the daughter of the late Arthur and Edna (Barrieau) Bates. She was predeceased by a son Mark Steven and her sister Naureen. She'll be dearly missed by her daughter Andrea Torres and her husband John Torres, her three granddaughters Isabella, Emily and Olivia Torres, Sisters Caroline and her late husband Michael Kaiser, Marianne and her husband Dennis Barlow, her mother-in-law Sofia, her sister-in-law Mary and her husband Frank Sorano Jr., her niece Jennifer and her husband Steven Diamond and grandnephew Theodore, her niece Christina and fiancé Joseph Angelillo. Also, her extended family including many cousins especially Cecile Paille. Her life was extended by many years by an act of human kindness by a generous person who donated her kidney to Barbara.

Family and friends may call on Friday, April 8, 2022 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Road, Wethersfield. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Barbara's life will be held at 11:00 AM at The Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect St., Wethersfield. In lieu of flowers, donations in Barbara's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To share a memory of Barbara please visit Farleysullivan.com.

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## CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

## State cuts back on data reporting

Department of Public Health says it no longer will share daily cases, positivity rate amid upticks in both

**By Alex Puttermann**

Hartford Courant

For more than two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, Connecticut has reported its number of new cases each weekday, save for holidays.

Not anymore.

As of Monday, the state Department of Public Health will now report only a seven-day COVID-19 case count and positivity rate. Though it will be possible from that information to calculate the number of new cases on a given day, DPH will not provide that figure.

Dr. Manisha Juthani, the state's public health commissioner, defended the reduction in data during a recent interview, arguing that single-day data could be inconsistent and noisy.

"A seven-day rolling average really gives us more of a trend, a consistency we can see that's happening vs. up-and-down, up-and-down on a day-to-day basis," Juthani said. "What we're really trying to get into the mode of doing is to look at the trajectory of where things are heading."

Juthani said the change in what numbers Connecticut reports was inspired by tweaks

to what data the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention asks states to share. She said the reporting process will now be more automated than previously.

"What we look at in terms of the clinical and public health decision-making is really more in that broader context," she said. "You're still getting the data that would impact any of those decisions."

In addition to no longer sharing daily cases and positivity rate, Connecticut has implemented the following changes to its COVID-19 reporting:

■ Cases will be tracked by the day that

specimens were collected, not by the day their results were reported.

■ As advised by the CDC, negative results for rapid tests will no longer be reported. Juthani says these results make up about 10% of Connecticut's total tests. Because positive results will still be reported, this is likely to cause an artificial uptick in Connecticut's COVID-19 positivity rate in the coming days.

These changes come at a time when Connecticut is experiencing a small uptick in COVID-19 cases and positivity rate due to the

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## Green light for bill on docs who help cops

Key panel OKs immunity for those who aid SWAT teams

**By Christopher Keating**

Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — A key legislative committee voted unanimously Monday to offer immunity from civil liability for certain medical doctors who help heavily armed police in dangerous situations.

The judiciary committee voted 39-0 for a bill that has been debated for years but has never been approved by the full legislature.

Sen. Rob Sampson, a Wolcott Republican who is the measure's chief proponent, said some doctors have been discouraged from helping police because they are concerned about potential lawsuits.

"This is going to make them sleep easier at night," Sampson said Monday to his colleagues.

Police have testified that traditional ambulance companies do not want to enter a dangerous scene until it has been declared as safe — often delaying medical aid to police officers and suspects who have been injured. The volunteer doctors are able to move more quickly to the victims and provide help before they are taken to the hospital.

For years, the influential Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, represented by the Gaffney Bennett lobbying firm, has repeatedly opposed the bill, saying that the measure was unnecessary because the state's Good Samaritan laws are already sufficient.

"Connecticut's Good Samaritan law is meant to keep people from being reluctant to help a stranger in need for fear of legal repercussions should they make some mistake in treatment," said recent

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## Lawmakers mulling mold in marijuana

State testing standards could change under new proposal

**By Ginny Monk**

CT Mirror

Legislators are dealing with an issue that they might not have imagined just a few years ago: The acceptable amount of mold in marijuana.

But for some patients who use medical marijuana, the question isn't a novelty but a serious matter of health.

At the end of last year, the state Department of Consumer Protection proposed a change that would set the maximum amount of colony-forming mold and yeast units in medical marijuana at 100,000 per gram and would allow no traceable amounts of a breed of mold called Aspergillus that is known to cause a lung infection.

Previously, the state's two labs were using different standards. The change would mean an increase in the allowable amount of mold and yeast for one lab and a decrease for the other.

Patients have said they're worried that the new mold allowances will mean the product isn't safe, and several asked that the total count be set at 10,000 units per gram.

The state Attorney General's office approved DCP's proposed change Tuesday, and the department submitted it to



Daym Drops, right, and Dunkin' Donuts Park chef Joe Bartlett show off additions to the park's concessions Monday, including a hot chicken sandwich, below, which has two honey-glazed doughnuts and a Munchkin doughnut hole speared on top. SEAN FOWLER PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

## Extreme foods coming to Dunkin' Donuts Park

Yard Goats, Daym Drops debut creative dishes ahead of Opening Day

**By Susan Dunne**

Hartford Courant

The Hartford Yard Goats on Monday revealed the new extreme foods that will be available in the concession stands starting Friday, when the season starts with a game against the Binghamton Rumble Ponies.

This year, it's not just the Daym Diner that will sell the indulgent yummies. Four other concession stands at Dunkin' Donuts Park in Hartford will add some crazy new foods to their lineups.

Daym Drops has a footlong dog sprinkled with Flamin' Hot Cheetos and jalapeno. Dark Blues Diner has a "Fat Sandwich," fried dough full of donut holes, chicken tenders, pickles, honey mustard and red-pepper coulis. Daym



sells a bratwurst with sauerkraut and pretzel bits. The Grazin' Goat has waffle cones full of mac and cheese or buffalo chicken.

"The folks, as excited as they are about the game, have to pass the food stands," said Daymon "Daym Drops" Patterson, a New Britain resident who has become a viral internet food reviewer as well as the star of the Netflix show, "Fresh, Fried and Crispy." He currently is filming a YouTube series about the restaurants of Connecticut.

Patterson was at the ballpark to introduce the new foods. Last year's items at the Daym Drops Diner — Bacon Steak, Daym Trio, Chicken Tender Fender Benders — won't be sold this year, to make room for the new extravagant

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## Jury selection begins in Todt murder trial

Connecticut physical therapist accused of killing wife, 3 kids

**By Monivette Cordeiro**

Orlando Sentinel

A judge excused nearly half of the prospective jurors interviewed Monday for the murder trial of Anthony Todt, the Connecticut physical therapist accused in the 2020 killings of his wife, children and dog at their Central Florida home.

Todt, 46, is charged with four counts of first-degree murder and one count of animal cruelty in the killings of his wife, 42-year-old Megan Todt; the couple's children Alek, 13, Tyler, 11, and Zoe, 4; and their dog Breezy.

He has pleaded not guilty.

A 12-person jury will be chosen from a pool of potential jurors at the Osceola County Courthouse in Kissimmee, Florida.

As Circuit Judge Keith Carsten read to

potential jurors the charges against Todt, he closed his eyes at the mention of his family's names and shook his head.

Out of a 50-person panel interviewed Monday, 21 were excused, mainly due to the financial hardship of serving on a jury. One of the dismissed jurors said her job does not pay her to serve as a juror and she would be unable to remain fair and impartial while worrying about the loss of income.

"With gas and stuff, I couldn't afford to get here — unless y'all pay me," the St. Cloud woman said.

Few jurors said they had heard about the case on the news. One man said he read an article within the last week about the judge excluding one of Todt's confessions from the trial after detectives interviewing him failed to properly inform him of his consti-

tutional rights.

The juror, who was ultimately excused, said he didn't have a fixed opinion on the case but would have a problem if that was not addressed.

"It would leave a big gap as to what happened," he said.

Potential jurors were also asked to fill out a questionnaire about their beliefs on mental health and suicide. While Todt's defense attorneys are barred from talking about Todt's mental health, they are not prevented from speaking about his wife's mental health and have indicated they may do so in court.

One woman said she was distressed by the questionnaire and the trial because of her previous life experiences.

"The context of this case is traumatic for me," she said.

Carsten eventually excused the juror.

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**CONNECTICUT****IN BRIEF****WATERBURY****Hartford man sent to prison for drug dealing, gun crimes**

A Hartford man has been sentenced to five years in prison for drug and gun crimes, according to federal authorities.

Waterbury police followed Maleke Sockwell, 27, after watching him selling drugs from his car in a grocery story parking lot in March 2021. He was arrested after stopping his car and trying to flee.

In Sockwell's car, police found a gun, ammunition, fentanyl, crack cocaine and nearly \$9,000 in cash, according to federal authorities.

Sockwell has been detained since his arrest. He pleaded guilty in December to possession with intent to distribute cocaine base and fentanyl, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Sockwell has six prior criminal convictions for offenses involving drugs and violence and has been in and out of prison since age 16, according to federal authorities. It is a violation of federal law for anyone previously convicted of a felony to possess a firearm or ammunition that has moved in interstate or foreign commerce, federal authorities noted.

— Edmund H. Mahony

**CHESTER****Two guards treated for smoke inhalation after inmates set fire**

Two guards at the Cheshire Correctional Institution were treated for smoke inhalation after inmates set a fire inside a cell Saturday, according to the state Department of Correction.

The correction officers responded to flames inside a cell after inmates lit a bedsheet using an electrical outlet, officials said. The officers doused the blaze with a fire extinguisher and evacuated the unit, according to the agency. A medical team evaluated staff and inmates, and the two officers were treated and discharged from a hospital.

The department is investigating the incident with the state fire marshal and state police and the Cheshire Fire Department.

— Jesse Leavenworth

**WEST HARTFORD****Motorcyclist, 61, dies after 2-vehicle crash in March**

Two weeks after a West Hartford crash, a local motorcyclist has died of his injuries, police said Sunday.

Christopher White, 61, of West Hartford died Friday, they said.

Police said they were called to the two-vehicle crash at Trout Brook Drive and Lawler Road about 6 p.m. on March 18. Officers found White in the road and provided medical care until the fire department and AMR ambulance arrived.

The driver of the car, who stayed at the scene, had minor injuries, police said.

The department's traffic division continues to investigate the fatal collision. Anyone who saw it or has any information about it is asked to call traffic investigators at 860-570-8850.

— Christine Dempsey

**Marijuana**

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the Legislative Regulation Review Committee for final approval Wednesday.

The committee has 45 days to put it on its agenda.

"The purpose of this regulation is to update microbial testing standards for medical marijuana to better protect public health and safety," the letter that DCP legal director Julianne Avallone sent to lawmakers read. "This proposed regulatory change will create clarity and consistency for medical marijuana laboratories and medical marijuana patients."

The public comment period ended in February, and many patient-submitted comments asked that the limit be brought down to 10,000 units per gram.



Members of the West Hartford SWAT team, during the filming of a movie in 2018 on South Main Street in West Hartford. COURANT FILE PHOTO

**Doctors**

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testimony presented by lobbyist Jeffrey "Zeke" Zijeski of Gaffney Bennett. "A physician volunteering to help a SWAT team certainly falls currently under that law. ... Immunity laws like this that are redundant and unnecessary are bad policy, and CTLA opposes its enactment."

But Sampson testified this year that, "This bill is borne out of an introduction to a commendable doctor that has volunteered his services with federal, state, and municipal law enforcement despite being exposed to civil liability. I believe that if a doctor is willing to sacrifice his or her free time and safety to aid our law

enforcement personnel in the line of duty, we can provide a legal safeguard in return."

In its final meeting before a 5 p.m. committee deadline Monday for bills in the 2022 short session, the committee did not vote on several measures on its agenda.

Lawmakers did not vote on a bill designed to crack down on the sale of stolen catalytic converters from automobiles because the public safety committee already approved a separate bill on the same topic. That bill calls for prohibiting junkyards and motor vehicle recyclers from receiving a catalytic converter that is not attached to a vehicle. The move is designed to stop criminals from cutting converters off cars and bringing them to junkyards in return for cash.

Both Republicans and Democrats say the thefts are a growing problem in towns around the state as thieves sell the converters for hundreds of dollars. The items are valuable because they contain precious metals that include platinum, rhodium, and palladium.

The committee also did not vote on any gun bills whether they were supported by either Republicans or Democrats. The legislature is facing adjournment on May 4 for the regular session.

"I think the realization was that we are in a short legislative session with 30 days to go here," Rep. Steven J. Stafstrom, a Bridgeport Democrat who co-chairs the committee, told the Courant. "There really wasn't time to get major gun legislation through this committee, likely the appropria-

tions committee, and through two chambers in 30 days. I think that was the concern."

Stafstrom added, "Our theme this year as a committee was to try to reach bipartisan compromise where we could. Certainly, gun legislation is not an area where we could reach bipartisan compromise. ... Given the opposition we were going to face, it was unlikely there was going to be the time to have drawn out, lengthy debates on those pieces of legislation in order to get them across the finish line. ... I suspect we will be back with a robust list of gun-safety proposals next year when it is a long session, but we ran out of clock this year."

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**Virus**

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BA.2 subvariant — which experts say could build into a larger wave of cases, as happened in parts of Europe.

As of Monday, the state has reported 2,726 COVID-19 cases over the past week and has recorded a positivity rate of 4.26% in that time.

Other states have already cut back on COVID-19 data in similar — or more dramatic — ways.

According to the New York Times, at least a half dozen states, plus Washington D.C., have altogether abandoned daily reporting and are now sharing data only once a week.

Connecticut, too, has gradually reduced the data it reports over the course of the pandemic. In the early days of COVID-19, the state released fresh numbers every day before eventually cutting back to five days a week. Later, the state ceased reporting deaths daily and now reports them on Thursdays.

Christopher O'Connor, CEO of

Yale New Haven Health and chair of the Connecticut Hospital Association's board of trustees, said he thinks now is a reasonable time to reduce reporting on COVID-19 metrics.

"I think it would be reasonable to pull back and maybe change the frequency and timing of that reportable data," he said. "I think

we're going to see more and more of that."

While O'Connor said data reporting is "a dial" that can be turned up "if the need arises," Juthani said the state could be heading toward a point where daily COVID-19 data is no longer necessary.

New flu cases, for example, are reported weekly, not

daily.

"As we're going to be moving through this pandemic, at some point — it's not happening now — we are going to pull back from daily reporting," Juthani said. "That's part of living with COVID, not doing this every single day in that way."

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**Goats**

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foods Patterson conceived and the park's chef, Joe Bartlett, brought into being.

Patterson has dreamed up two varieties of street corn. One has jalapenos and those Flamin' Hot Cheetos — "It's not just the dust, you get the whole Cheeto for crunch and munch," he said — and the other is a traditional street corn, dressed with queso fresco.

"If you don't want anything too spicy, you always have options," Patterson said.

He also sells a footlong Hawaiian dog with teriyaki sauce and pineapple.

The Burgertopia stand will add a Cuban sandwich — with ham and provolone — and baconcheddar burger, a half-pound patty covered in so much bacon Bartlett wouldn't say how many pieces there were.

Huck's Hot Corner will sell the most health-conscious of the new foods, Incogmeato plant-based tenders, in a basket with French fries and a cup of barbecue sauce.

Dark Blues — along with the eye-popping "Fat Sandwich," which should be eaten with a fork — will sell a hot chicken sandwich between two honey-glazed dough-

nuts, with a Munchkin doughnut hole speared on the top. If that isn't enough, that sandwich comes in a double.

"We're dipping our hat into the spicy chicken arena, considering everyone else is throwing one at us," Bartlett said, referring to the booming trend in Nashville hot chicken restaurants.

Along with those waffle cones full of food, The Grazin' Goat stand also will sell deep-fried Munchkins in a Yard Goats helmet cup and covered with whipped cream and multicolored sprinkles.

As usual, one food stand is set aside to let Hartford-area restaurants sell their most popular dishes to the baseball crowd. The restaurants that will occupy that stand this year include Hartford eateries The Rockin' Chicken, Vaughan's Public House, Burrito Loko, G's Steak and Grinders, Southern Bell Soul Food, Chowder Pot and More than Just Lobster; New Britain Puerto Rican spot MofonGo; Avon Prime Meats; Ted's Steamed Cheesburgers of Meriden; and J. Timothy's of Plainville.

To buy tickets to Yard Goats games, visit [milb.com/hartford/tickets/single-game-tickets](https://milb.com/hartford/tickets/single-game-tickets).

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**Todt**

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The judge asked potential jurors whether they believed one religion was superior to another or whether any strong beliefs would affect their ability to be fair and impartial.

"I'm just a strong Christian," said one juror who indicated she felt one religion was superior to another. "I'm strong in my faith."

Another juror said she had strong beliefs but did not believe one faith was superior.

"Based on your religious beliefs, do you feel you can be fair and impartial?" Assistant Public Defender Azalia Carliz Romeo-Sanchez asked.

"No," the juror said before she was dismissed.

The judge said he expects to interview at least one new panel of 50 jurors Tuesday before bringing back Monday's panel on

Wednesday for further questioning. Carsten told potential jurors he anticipates jury selection will be finished this week, allowing the trial to start April 11.

The presentation of evidence could take about two weeks, the judge said.

Federal authorities and Osceola deputies were at the family's Celebration home Jan. 13, 2020, to arrest Todt on insurance fraud charges related to his physical therapy business when they found

the blanket-wrapped bodies of his family.

The victims had stab wounds and toxic amounts of Benadryl in their bodies, according to autopsy reports.

Although he initially confessed to the killings, Todt has since blamed his wife for the slayings in jailhouse writings.

Jury selection will continue Tuesday morning at 9 a.m.

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**Marijuana**

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the Legislative Regulation Review Committee for final approval Wednesday.

The committee has 45 days to put it on its agenda.

"The purpose of this regulation is to update microbial testing standards for medical marijuana to better protect public health and safety," the letter that DCP legal director Julianne Avallone sent to lawmakers read. "This proposed regulatory change will create clarity and consistency for medical marijuana laboratories and medical marijuana patients."

The public comment period ended in February, and many patient-submitted comments asked that the limit be brought down to 10,000 units per gram.

"This is medicine, it should have strict standards and the companies producing it need to be held to those standards," one comment read.

In 2020, the state approved a request from AltaSci, one of the state's two labs that test cannabis, to increase the total limit to 1 million colony-forming units per gram with the additional Aspergillus testing.

The state approved the change via private email and did not alert patients, which sparked further concern about transparency in the program. The decision to officially change the limits came after patient outcry over the 2020 approval.

Northeast Laboratories left its limit at 10,000 colony-forming units. Several patient public comments requested that the standard remain at that level.

Lila McKinley, a DCP staff attorney, said department officials consulted with microbiologists in making the decision to leave the proposed limit at 100,000 colony-forming units. The decision was made because the state didn't think commenters took all factors into account, including the Aspergillus testing requirement.

While some states have lower requirements, not all require Aspergillus testing. Some don't have testing regulations, and others have requirements for specific testing outside of Aspergillus.

There's no national policy on testing regulations because the substance is illegal federally.

Both of Connecticut's laboratories have expressed support for the state's proposed mold and yeast standards.

But Mike Esposito, a scientist

at MCR Labs in Massachusetts, said that standard leaves room for materials that could be harmful both to patients and to employees who work with cannabis products.

For example, penicillium mold, which many people are allergic to, is often found on cannabis, he said. He also pointed to examples of farmers in other crops developing lung disease from mold exposure.

He's heard many examples of people in the cannabis industry making standards around Aspergillus rather than other indicators or types of mold. He said he thinks Connecticut's old standard for total count would be safer.

"I think that [Aspergillus-focused testing] really ignores a huge history of medical issues with yeast and mold," Esposito said.

Lou Rinaldi, a Connecticut patient and advocate, shares Esposito's safety concerns. He

said Aspergillus is "far from the only safety consideration, particularly for immunocompromised patients."

"Is Connecticut really comfortable with safety standards 10 times above the limits typically seen in regulated markets, including Massachusetts?" Rinaldi said.

The state also opted to change the required method of testing — from a plating method to a DNA-based method called qPCR. The new method is more specific and accurate, according to state documents.

Labs will have six months to implement the new testing methods if they're approved, documents show.

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**CONNECTICUT****ELECTION 2022**

# Scanlon announces run for comptroller

No serious competition for Guilford rep. among Dems for nomination

**By Mark Pazniokas**  
CT Mirror

State Rep. Sean Scanlon, D-Guilford, transitioned Monday from an exploratory campaign to a declared candidacy for comptroller, one of Connecticut's two open statewide constitutional offices in the 2022 election.

Barring late surprises, the announcement is another step toward filling out the Democratic and Republican lineups for the six statewide constitutional offices ahead of the parties' nominating conventions, both set for May 6-7.

Democrats hold all six offices, with Gov. Ned Lamont, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz and Attorney General William Tong having already filed for reelection and Treasurer Shawn Wooden expected to follow.

Secretary of State Denise Merrill is not seeking a fourth term, and the three-term comptroller, Kevin P. Lembo, resigned in December due to health issues. His appointed successor, Natalie Braswell, is not running.

Both parties are anticipating primaries for secretary of the state. Three Republicans and three Democrats have declared for the office, with a fourth Demo-



Scanlon

crat expected to join them. Mary Fay, a three-term member of the West Hartford Town Council, is the only Republican candidate for comptroller. Scanlon currently has no serious competition for his party's nomination.

State Rep. Harry Arora, R-Greenwich, is uncontested in his bid for the GOP nomination for treasurer, as Jessica Kordas of Norwalk is for the attorney general nomination. Kordas is a criminal defense lawyer.

There is no declared Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, a sign of deference to the GOP's presumptive nominee for governor, Bob Stefanowski. He will make his choice known in

coming weeks.

The only crowded fields are for secretary of the state.

The Democrats running are Rep. Hilda Santiago of Meriden, Rep. Stephanie Thomas of Norwalk and Maritza Bond of New Haven. Sen. Matt Lesser, D-Middletown, has been raising money as an exploratory candidate.

The Republicans are Rep. Terrie Wood of Darien, Brock L. Weber of New Britain and Dominic A. Rapini of Branford.

The office of comptroller essentially maintains the state's fiscal books and administers pensions and health care for state employees, retirees and their families.

Scanlon, the co-chair of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee and former co-chair

of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, has made health insurance reform a priority since his election to the General Assembly in 2014.

Scanlon also is executive director at Tweed New Haven Airport as well.

His announcement came in a video posted on social media.

The Republican nominating convention will be at Foxwoods Resort Casino. The Democrats will nominate their candidates at Xfinity Theatre, the indoor/outdoor amphitheater in Hartford.

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# HONORING AN UNSUNG CITY ICON

Museum takes its visitors on a walking tour of downtown Hartford's abandoned vending boxes

**By Christopher Arnott**  
Hartford Courant

Like many great jokes, the American Museum of the Free Publication Distribution Box comes from a place of passion and respect.

Blending phenomenology and fun, the "museum" is a walking tour of empty, abandoned vending boxes (known as "honor boxes" in the trade) in the downtown Hartford area. The boxes used to be filled with weekly papers, auto and realty sales magazines, phonebooks and other ephemera of the pre-digital age.

The American Museum of the Free Publication Distribution Box consists of stickers with QR codes, just like in art museums, affixed to the vending boxes. Museum visitors scan the codes on their phones and can listen to an audio description of the derelict receptacle.

The boxes serve no purpose anymore, as the publications they once housed and protected from the elements are gone for good, sent to that great recycling center in the sky.

Alex Traynor is here to honor them.

"I used to deliver those papers.

It's the job that put me through college. I've thought about these boxes my whole life. But people walk by them and don't notice them. They are a ubiquitous part of the American city, in the background of every photo taken in a city."

Traynor created the American Museum of the Free Publication Distribution Box to draw attention to these maligned monuments: "I know where they all are." He still even delivers a publication that makes use of its boxes, the Renters Directory.

The museum's grand opening was Thursday at 7 p.m., starting at the box outside Hartford City Hall. Traynor led a live walking tour.

The Thursday opening is the only live event planned for the American Museum of the Free Publication Distribution Box, but a prerecorded audio tour is accessible 24/7 via QR codes on stickers affixed to the boxes. Traynor wrote the audio clips but asked a friend, Richard Armistead, to record them so they would have a more authoritative, museum-friendly narration.

"People don't need me to be there [to take the tour]," Traynor says. He likes the idea of folks stumbling across the museum



Alex Traynor, founder of the American Museum of the Free Publication Distribution Box, shows off a few of the museum's objets d'art — empty, abandoned vending boxes or "honor boxes." COURTESY

stickers and learning that there's more to them.

"I may just hang out some days to see who shows up," the self-styled museum director muses.

There's also a website, boxmuseum.org, which parodies the websites of other museums and nonprofits. One of the board members of the AMFBP is described thus: "Linda Crinklethorn is the second wife of Burt Crinklethorn. She has attended such museums as MOMA, the Smithsonian and Mark Twain's house. Linda completed one semester at Manchester Community College and currently resides in the Buckland Hills Mall."

The site also offers T-shirts and commemorative stickers for sale. The stickers act like trading

cards, Traynor says. You can't get a complete set of Free Publication Distribution Box stickers with one purchase. "You'll need to trade with your friends," he explains.

Traynor is also a comedian who has been making comedy videos since he was in high school (he's now 32) and posts them to YouTube ([youtube.com/user/alextraynor](https://www.youtube.com/user/alextraynor)), his own website ([alextraynor.com](http://alextraynor.com)) and elsewhere.

"I've done lots of elaborate videos," he says, "but not an interactive art project like this, with elaborate, complicated jokes."

Traynor chose the eve of April Fool's Day for the launch of his museum. "It's like a joke," Traynor says of the AMFBP, but there are sensitive, serious aspects to the endeavor as well.

"It's a strange concept. It's not about the papers. It's about the boxes that we've all walked by a million times, a thing we all know about but don't really know. I think people will have interesting reactions when they find out it's real. I've put a lot of thought into this from years of delivering to these boxes. They have been a constant presence in my life."

The curator notes that many of the boxes were intended to peddle publications that haven't existed for years, like a local phone book.

Asked for his favorite box, Traynor sings the praises of the Green Employment Guide receptacles. "They're so elegant."

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Executive chef Sean Butler, right, and his father, Mike Butler, opened Seed 41 in Canton in March 2021. The restaurant has permanently closed, the restaurant's website announced. COURANT FILE PHOTO

# Seed 41 restaurant in Canton shutters

**By Susan Dunne**  
Hartford Courant

Seed 41, the restaurant at 41 Bridge St. in the Collinsville section of Canton, has shut its doors for good, it was announced on the restaurant's website.

"Much to our dismay, we have made the decision to close the restaurant permanently. We want to sincerely thank you for the many years of continued support in our business and family," the announcement read.

Seed 41 was opened in March 2021 by celebrated chef Sean Butler and his father, Mike Butler. The restaurant was created by

the father-son owners after the pandemic took a disastrous toll on their previous restaurant, Francesca's Wine Bar and Bistro, which was also in Collinsville. Francesca's closed in 2020.

Mike Butler told the Courant in spring 2021 that Seed 41 offered "casual fine dining with a French and Danish flair, sourcing local when possible."

Those with Seed 41 gift cards should call 860-852-8157 for reimbursement.

Sean Butler declined to comment.

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# Wanted woman injures 7 officers, damages 8 patrol cars, police say

**By Christine Dempsey**  
Hartford Courant

Seven Waterbury officers were injured Sunday when a wanted woman drove into their police cars during a wild, multi-town chase before crashing in Monroe, police said.

The officers were treated at the hospital and discharged but are not able to work, Chief Fernando Spagnolo said Monday. Their injuries include bruises, and neck and back sprains, he said.

Hannah Casperson, 25, was placed under arrest and taken to St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport to be treated for more serious injuries, although not life-threatening. Spagnolo said she broke her femur and dislocated her hip when she flipped the Hummer she had been driving.

In addition to having seven fewer officers, police have a smaller fleet. Spagnolo said it will cost \$135,000 to fix or replace the eight damaged patrol vehicles, he said.

"Two of those Tahoes were brand new cars, they just went into service a few weeks back," Spagnolo said during an afternoon news conference.

The chaotic series of crashes easily could have ended in death, he said. The first officer who encountered Casperson drew his weapon and feared for his life but "had the fortitude" not to use deadly force, Spagnolo said.

"This is a terrible situation that we had to deal with here at the

police department," he said.

According to police, shortly before 8:45 a.m. Sunday officers received information that Casperson was in a white Hummer at Rutledge and East Main streets in Waterbury. She was a suspect in smash-and-grab thefts in Waterbury and the person police believe was the alleged getaway driver in a string of car break-ins early Friday in Wolcott.

When an officer went to talk to her, police said Casperson sped forward, striking the officer's police car, which was blocking her escape. Ignoring the officer pointing his gun at her and yelling for her to stop, she kept backing up and pulling forward into his vehicle until she squeezed her way through, videos show.

Police said she hit another police cruiser at East Main and Brass Mill Drive before getting onto I-84 westbound. She ended up two towns away in Monroe, where she struck more pursuing police cars before she rolled her Hummer near Wheeler Road and Monroe Turnpike, or Route 111, said police, who placed her under arrest before she was taken to the hospital.

Casperon will be processed on "multiple outstanding warrants," police said, in addition to new charges, once she is discharged. The new charges will include reckless endangerment, interfering with an officer, failure to obey an officer's signal, evading responsibility and engaging in pursuit, Spagnolo said.

Wolcott police said the Hummer — and Casperson — allegedly were

linked to 41 vehicle break-ins in their town last week.

They happened between 4-5:30 a.m. Friday in the area of an elderly housing complex on Wolfs Hill Road and in the Munson and Brooks Hill roads area, police said. They suspected a man broke into the cars while a female getaway driver, later allegedly identified as Casperson, waited in a white Hummer.

Police said they found the Hummer in the parking lot of Pat's IGA in Wolcott with Casperson behind the wheel. She took off, Wolcott Chief Edward Stephens said, but police discovered the male suspect inside the store, near the exit, with a cart full of meat. They arrested him, and he confessed to the car thefts, he said.

The man, Thomas Crawford, 31, of New Haven Road, Naugatuck, is charged with 41 counts each of third-degree burglary, conspiracy to commit third-degree burglary, conspiracy to commit sixth-degree larceny and second-degree criminal mischief. Police set his bail at \$75,000.

Stephens, who joined Spagnolo at the news conference, surmised the pair didn't get many valuables from the parked cars in his town, where police had been telling residents to remove all of their valuables from their cars at night.

"They weren't too successful with what they got from the cars," Stephens said.

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Estuary Transit District (ETD) is seeking sealed proposals from qualified individuals or firms to perform a Fleet Cleaning Services. Copies of the RFP are available by emailing emutez@estuarytransit.org or by calling (860) 346-0212, ext. 131, and available on <https://portal.ct.gov/DAS/CTSource/ContractBoard>

Proposals must be delivered by mail or hand delivery to Ennab Mutez, Estuary Transit District, 91 N Main St, Middletown, CT 06457. Proposals, to be considered and evaluated, must be received before 3:00 PM on May 26, 2022. Proposals received after the above scheduled opening time and date will not be considered. Faxed or e-mailed proposals are not acceptable.

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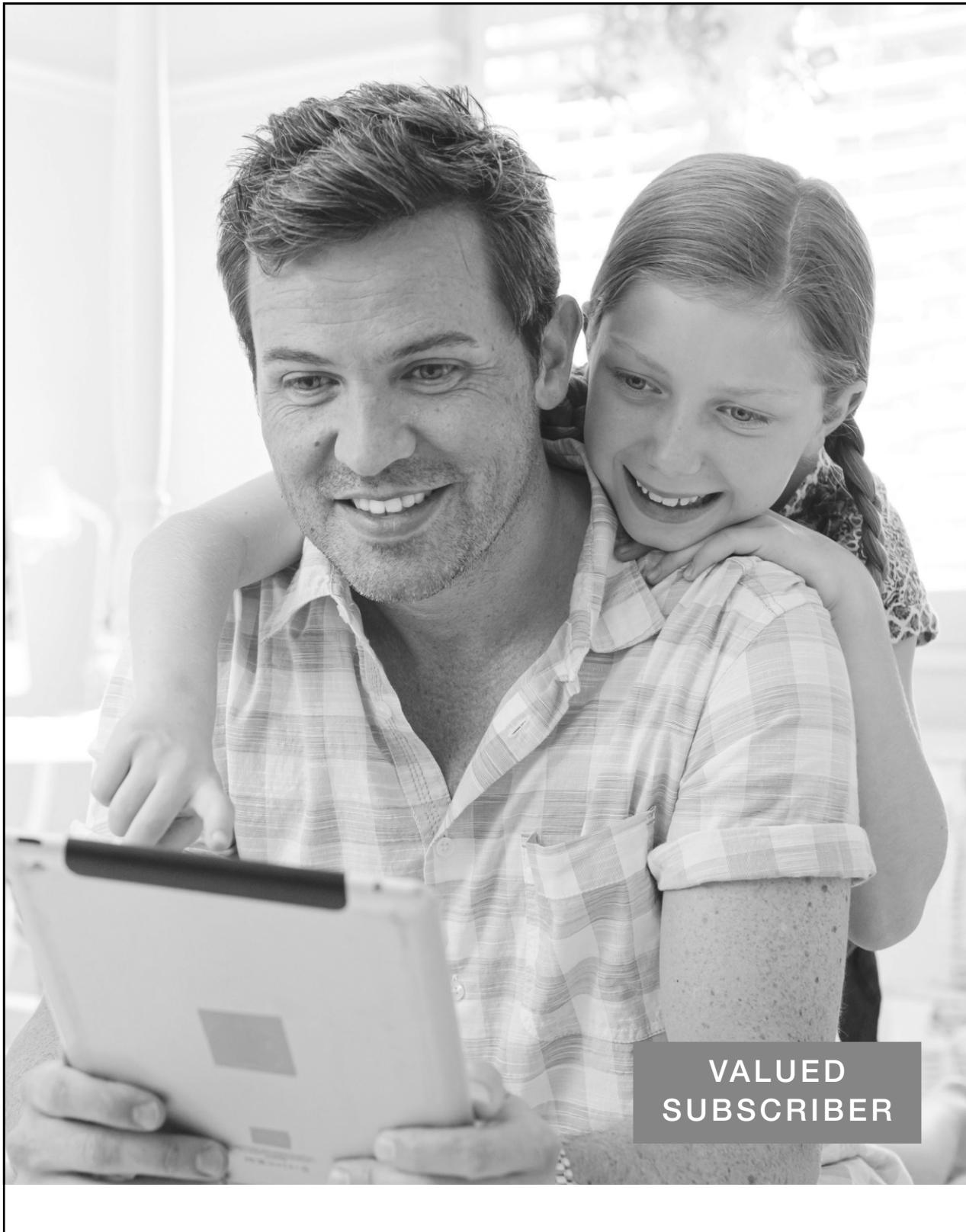
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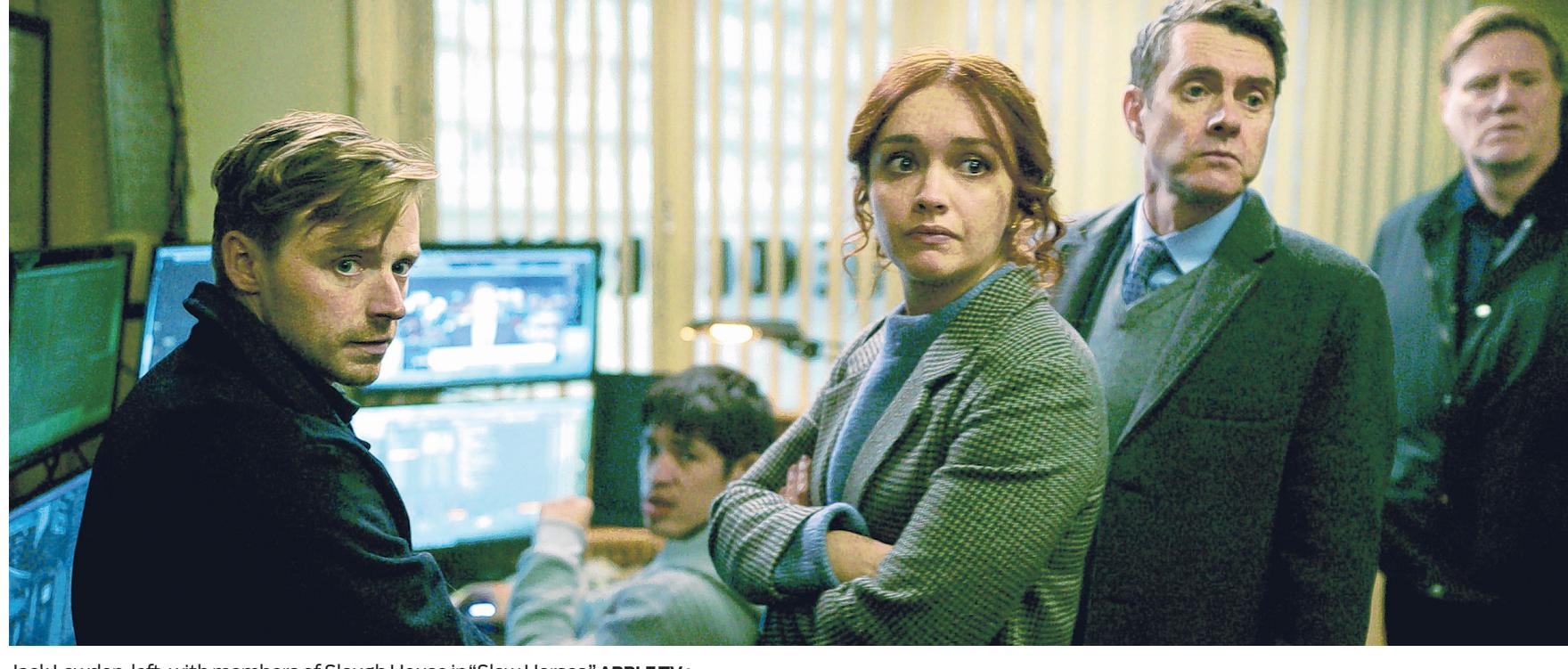
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Jack Lowden, left, with members of Slough House in "Slow Horses." **APPLE TV+**

## TV REVIEW

# 'Slow Horses' on Apple TV+ rides darkly funny spy drama

By **Nina Metz**  
Chicago Tribune

In the spy series "Slow Horses" on Apple TV+, Slough House is the dumpy, narrow building somewhere in London that serves as headquarters for MI5's castoffs. Rather than the UK's best and brightest, these are the slow horses of the title — stuck on an island of misfit toys, but for intelligence officers — and this is where young River Cartwright (Jack Lowden) finds himself after colossally botching a training exercise.

Pensive, headstrong and antsy, the last thing he wants is to spend his days digging through the trash of a hack journalist they're surveilling. But that's exactly what his boss — the slovenly and cranky Jackson Lamb (Gary Oldman) — has him doing. Every so often Lamb will bang on the floor to

his underlings working below, looking for an update. "You thumped?" Cartwright replies sarcastically. Turns out, that journalist they're watching has ties to a right-wing group, and they've kidnapped a Muslim university student in Leeds. Suddenly the slow horses are pulled into the fast lane. A real operation at last. That's mostly due to circumstance, but it's also a convenient turn of events for MI5's icy second-in-command Diana Taverner (Kristin Scott Thomas), who knows she may need a scapegoat or five if anything goes awry.

Adapted from Mick Herron's spy novels, "Slow Horses" takes its cue from John le Carre (someone references George Smiley just to underscore it all) and it's a welcome change of pace from the bombastic international intrigue of the Bond franchise. Here, the focus is on small individ-

ual moments and uncertain loyalties. Setups, compromised motives and sharp repartee abound. The show has a dark and wonderfully tangy sense of humor, much of it thanks to Lamb.

Taverner, so exquisitely steely and ambitious, leaves him alone for the most part — that is, until she needs to draw him in, better to have a fall guy close at hand. There's a terrific midnight rendezvous where they square off like the wily old spies that they are, each trying to leverage all those skeletons in the closet that could ruin either one of their careers.

Lamb's band of losers become integral players, including Lowden's Cartwright, who leads the way as the young agent who cannot fathom how he fouled up so badly to land himself in this purgatory. He's actually good at the job, with a steady gaze and an itchy disrespect for authority. And unlike

his Slough House colleagues, who are resigned to their fate (at least at the outset), he looks for any opportunity to do some real spy work, which includes tailing that aforementioned journalist through London in a scene that's beautifully shot by James Hawes (who directs all six of the season's episodes).

The show's propulsive pacing is taut and clear-eyed. The action and violence, when it does happen, is fast, brutal and efficient. And just as quickly, the show is back to something that occasionally resembles a bleak workplace comedy. It's an expert juggling of tones.

Adapted by Will Smith — not that Will Smith; this one's British and his previous writing credits include "The Thick of It" and "Veep" — there's already a second season in the pipeline.

**Where to watch:** Apple TV+

## CELEBRITIES

### Legend honored at Grammys event

From news services

As John Legend was honored for his musical achievements Saturday, the singer used the Recording Academy stage to pay homage to a Black music culture that has shaped him and the wider world of music.

Legend explained how Black music has set trends for listeners across the globe, speaking at the academy's Black Music Collective event in Las Vegas, where he was given the Global Impact Award for his personal and professional achievements in the music industry.

"I'm proud to celebrate and honor and cultivate our music," Legend said at the event held the night before the Grammy Awards. "Black music is and has been the rhythm, the root, the inspiration, the innovation behind so much of the world's popular music. It doesn't exist without us."

The Grammy winner applauded the efforts of the academy's Black Music Collective, a group created in 2020 of prominent music industry leaders who are looking to find ways to drive Black representation and inclusion.

The event also featured a slew of popular performances, including from Chloe Bailey, Muni Long, Jimmie Allen, Cordae and Summer Walker.

The event highlighted the productive efforts by LVRN, a Black-founded record label that has built a strong roster that includes 6lack, D.R.A.M., Boogie and Summer Walker.

MC Lyte was honored for being the "beacon of hope" for Black women, while D-Nice was recognized for his success through Club Quarantine.

**John credits White's family with saving his life:** Elton John credits teenage AIDS victim Ryan White and his



John Legend accepts the Global Impact Award at the Black Music Collective event on Saturday. **CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP**

family with saving his life.

The singer told the crowd at his Friday concert in Indianapolis that spending time around White's family caused him to make changes in his life.

"I knew that my lifestyle was crazy and out of order. And six months later, I got sober and clean and have been ever since," John said.

He said White's family was the catalyst for him to change. "I cannot thank them enough, because without them, I'd probably be dead," the singer said.

White died in Indianapolis at age 18 on April 8, 1990. He had contracted HIV years earlier through a tainted blood transfusion. His mother, Jeanne White-Ginder, continues to share a close relationship with John, who acknowledged her presence at the concert.

**Craig's return to Broadway interrupted:** Daniel Craig's return to Broadway in a new version of "Macbeth"

has been temporarily halted after the actor contracted COVID-19.

Wednesday's matinee and evening performances were canceled when the James Bond actor tested positive. In a tweet Saturday, the show said all performances were canceled through Thursday "due to the detection of a limited number of positive covid test results within the company."

Craig stars in a revival of William Shakespeare's tragedy, with Ruth Negga making her Broadway debut as Lady Macbeth.

**April 5 birthdays:** Filmmaker Roger Corman is 96. Actor Michael Moriarty is 81. Singer Allan Clarke is 80. Actor Mitch Pileggi is 70. Guitarist Mike McCready is 56. Musician Paula Cole is 54. Actor Krista Allen is 51. Rapper Pharrell Williams is 49. Actor Sterling K. Brown is 46. Actor Hayley Atwell is 40. Actor Lily James is 33.



## ASK AMY

By **Amy Dickinson**

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### Biological father and son can't seem to talk

**Dear Amy:** Recently, my biological father emailed me to say he'd like to get to know me. We've never met. He is 81, I am 64.

He had long denied that I'm his son, and until recently had been very hostile to any attempt on my part to be in touch.

Decades ago, I did some research on him and decided that I knew enough and moved on.

He was a successful businessman and is the patriarch of a large family.

I am also successful in my work and happy with life and my large family.

I have politely responded to his emails, but I have decided that I am not interested in an email relationship with a near-complete stranger whom I don't know.

I have offered, however, to meet him in person. (He lives in another state.)

He responded by saying it would be a waste of my time and money if I have no desire to develop a relationship with him.

My sense is that this ship sailed decades ago, and I'd prefer to move on.

Is that wrong?

— Moving On

**Dear Moving On:** I am assuming that you would prefer to meet in person to see for yourself any physical or other familial traits, and to satisfy what might be a lifetime of periodic curiosity about your biological father.

One reason some people prefer to communicate via email versus in person is because they are more in control of the conversation when they are corresponding. This lowers the risk that they will encounter the other person's visceral

reactions.

In the case of an elder, it is possible that he has physical ailments or lifestyle realities he does not want to disclose. He might be afraid of your anger or trying to prevent you from meeting other family members.

And it is worth noting that he did his only part in bringing you forth when he was 16 or 17 years old.

Surely fathering a baby at such a young age might have been a factor in some of his regrettable subsequent choices.

You two seem locked in a skirmish for who gets to control the conversation, but hey — that's easier than actually communicating. (I'm also wondering if there is a familial streak of stubbornness at play.)

You obviously don't anticipate or desire any sort of loving reunion, but I do think you might regret it later if you didn't express yourself and ask any questions now, even if it is via email.

Think of it as receiving information instead of having a relationship, which you have stated you do not want to have.

**Dear Amy:** When I was going through my divorce, my ex-husband told our two sons that if they talked to me (their mom), then he wanted nothing to do with them.

My sons told their father that I'm their mother, and that he is their father and that they would not disown neither one of us.

My ex never spoke to them again.

Now it's been 12 years.

My ex died of lung cancer.

His family never notified my sons that their father

was dying or had died. I found out by accident when I ran into my ex's distant cousin. My ex was an alcoholic, and he drank till the day he died.

I hired an attorney to look into a will, and to our surprise, my ex has intentionally omitted his sons from his will.

My ex's family took everything. I feel like his family should have given my sons something, but they took it all.

What do you think of this?

— Devastated

**Dear Devastated:** I think that your sons got lucky to have you as their fierce and protective mother.

Everything about their father's family's behavior tracks. They did not "take" these things — they were given these things. And they decided to keep them.

I hope you will do everything you can at this point to continue to help your sons manage their own confusion and sadness.

**Dear Amy:** I disagreed with your advice to "Appalled," the consultant who was kissed on the lips by the director of a nonprofit she was consulting for.

The consultant should have spoken to him directly, rather than go to the board. Involving other people would be a mistake.

— Disagree

**Dear Disagree:** The board had just hired him; they should know about this serious breach.

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# Ukrainian, American artists ‘Band Together’

Duo compiles songs for album to benefit relief organization

**By Dan DeLuca**  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Janis Chakars is a Philadelphia punk-rock guitar player and college professor who was visiting Latvia in 2019 when he took a trip to the Ukrainian capital city of Kyiv.

“The war had already started in the east,” Chakars said recently, speaking from his office at Neumann University in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, where he teaches communications and digital media.

“(I was) sitting in a cafe and watching people go by, but with this looming presence of the war,” says Chakars, 50, who is of Latvian descent. “So when this war started, all I could think about was watching those people, and that now they’re all under attack.”

While in Kyiv, Chakars took a photo of a statue of a woman in a Soviet-era park painted over in the blue of the Ukrainian flag. That image — with graphic design by Chakars’ son Vilnis — is on the cover of “Band Together: A Benefit for Ukraine,” the album of American and Ukrainian bands that Chakars and his neighbor Derik Moore have compiled to support humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine. All proceeds from the album go to the Ukrainian relief organization Razom.

“Band Together” is one of many music efforts underway to raise awareness and money for victims of the Russian war in Ukraine.

Ukrainian punk band Beton recorded a new version of The Clash’s “London Calling” with lyrics rewritten with the surviving members of the British punk band’s permission. (“Kyiv calling, now don’t look to us,” Beton vocalist Andriy Zholub sings. “Phony Putinmania has bitten the dust.”)

And Ukrainian band



Derik Moore, left, and Janis Chakars, who are seen March 25 in Philadelphia, gathered seven Ukrainian bands and nine American bands to create “Band Together,” an album to benefit Ukraine. TYGER WILLIAMS/THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Antytilla, whose members are in the Ukrainian Army, went viral with a plea from singer Taras Topolya for the band to join Ed Sheeran’s March 29 Concert for Ukraine benefit scheduled in Manchester, England, via video link. The band were refused a slot due to their military status, because of the Sheeran concert’s “purely humanitarian” purpose.

The “Band Together” benefit album features two hard-core punk bands that Chakars and Moore play in — Citizens Arrest and Grey C.E.L.L.

South Philly singer Erin Incoherent contributed a new song, as did veteran punk songwriter Ted Leo, who wrote and recorded a song that takes aim at Vlad-

imir Putin’s imperial ambitions called “Clearing of the Land.”

Noise rock legends Unsane are on the album, and Brooklyn punk-cabaret band World/Inferno Friendship Society contributed their first new music released since the death of singer Jack Terricloth last year.

On the album’s page on the Bandcamp music site — where it is on sale for \$10, with a cassette release in the works — Chakars writes: “Death, displacement, destruction. The war in Ukraine is an atrocity ... we need to work to overcome Russia’s invasion and aid the victims of this unprovoked war.”

The compilation includes eight bands based

in Ukraine that Chakars was able to contact in the days following the Russian invasion on Feb. 24.

When the war began, Chakars had no connections within the Ukrainian music community. But through Bandcamp and Google, he made contact with several Ukrainian bands eager to participate. “It was one of those ‘God bless the internet’ things, which is not how I usually feel,” he says, with a laugh.

The riot-grrrl band Death Pill’s singer Marianna emailed him a song just before fleeing Kyiv. “I can’t work anywhere,” she wrote. “I’m a music teacher. We’re just waiting for the end of war.” Ukrainian folk singer Sasha Boole, who ends the album with a

lovely fingerpicked lullaby whose title translates as “Ivy,” told Chakars that he had put his guitar down to join the army.

“It was important to me that Ukrainian bands be included because I think their voice need to be heard right now,” Chakars says. “And Americans need to be in solidarity with them. So we’re trying to do that, and also raise some money that could help.”

Chakars and Moore wanted to get “Band Together” out quickly so the money raised could provide help while it’s urgently needed.

The duo have previous experience spearheading a benefit album.

In 2020, they put together “19 Notes on a

Broken System,” a Philly punk compilation featuring the Dead Milkmen and The Ramones that raised money to aid those arrested in Philadelphia during the civil unrest that followed the murder of George Floyd.

“That was designed to raise money for Black Lives Matter-related causes,” Chakars says. “So when this war broke out, we knew how to do it. The concept is little different this time. It’s not just Philly bands. And I’m worried to death that somebody on this comp is going to die before this whole thing is over.”

The biggest name on “Band Together” is Leo, the politically minded singer-guitarist who grew up in Plainfield, New Jersey, and who led the band Ted Leo & the Pharmacists for 20 years and has teamed with Aimee Mann in The Both. He has played with Chakars in several bands.

For Leo, “Band Together” “is a way, as an artist, to actually have some power in the world, when we’re all trying to contribute something. Because with the situation in Ukraine, we’re all sitting around now wondering what to do.”

Leo said he had been thinking about expansionist regimes in history and how state violence is often preceded by softer forms of oppression. “The first mistake we made was allowing them to drive a wedge,” he sings over the song’s martial rhythm.

“This gave me an opportunity,” he said.

Leo wishes he had more time to work on “The Clearing of the Land,” on which he played all the instruments himself. “I’m almost a little embarrassed that I wasn’t able to spend a couple more minutes on it. After you let go of something like that, it takes a couple of days before you think of tweaks you could have done to make it better. But I really only had a couple of days because of the urgency of the deadline.”

## TV Q&A

### Why have episodes of NBC’s ‘Ordinary Joe’ disappeared?

**By Rich Heldenfels**  
Tribune News Service

**Q: I started watching “Ordinary Joe,” and it seems to have disappeared. Will it return? And if it not, why?**

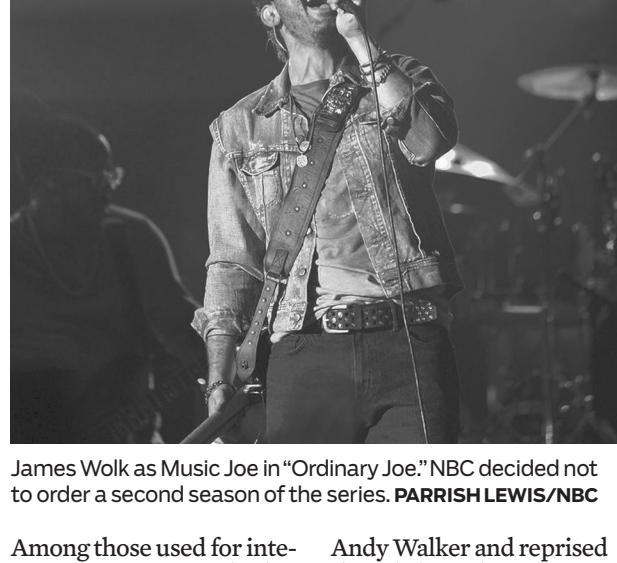
**A:** The series about the different paths a man’s life could have taken had a first season of 13 episodes, all of which aired. But the ratings were disappointing, and NBC decided not to order a second season. Those 13 episodes are available on streaming service Peacock.

**Q: Whatever happened to the series “Blood & Treasure”? Its episodes in 2019 showed promise.**

**A:** While it looked as if the adventure drama could quickly come back to the CBS schedule, COVID-19 concerns in 2020 reportedly delayed production. CBS announced plans for a second season in the 2021-22 season. But as of late March, the network did not have a date set for its return. It’s possible it will show up in May, since that was the month that the first season premiered. The first season is available on streaming service Paramount+.

**Q: We loved the series “The Gilded Age” and are wondering if the house interior shots were in actual homes or were they just sets?**

**A:** Creating 1880s New York City for the delicious HBO drama involved a variety of techniques including visual effects, set construction, location shooting and the use of historic places for interiors and exteriors. House Beautiful tallied 18 different historic homes used in the “Gilded” first season “all of which can be visited and toured in person.”



James Wolk as Music Joe in “Ordinary Joe.” NBC decided not to order a second season of the series. PARRISH LEWIS/NBC

Among those used for interiors are Newport, Rhode Island, sites including the Breakers, the Elms, Chateau-sur-Mer and the Hunter House.

The series, by the way, has been renewed for a second season.

**Q: I vaguely remember a sitcom from the 1970s that featured a family in the then-Soviet Union. Am I correct or imagining?**

**A:** “Ivan the Terrible,” which aired briefly on CBS in 1976, starred Lou Jacobi as Ivan, a Moscow waiter sharing a small apartment with eight other people and a dog. The reference book “Total Television” calls it “forgettable” — but at least it was memorable to you.

**Q: If I remember correctly, there was an episode of “Bonanza” that guest starred a young Wayne Newton. He was driving a wagon, and he sang “Scarlet Ribbons.” Am I right?**

**A:** Yes. That was in the 1966 episode “The Unwritten Commandment.” Newton played a young man named

Andy Walker and reprised the role later that year in a “Bonanza” Christmas episode.

**Q: In the Britbox series “Murder in Provence,” Antoine (the main character) is described as a “judge,” but he doesn’t act like one.**

**A:** In the series inspired by the novels by M.L. Longworth, Antoine Verlaque (played by Roger Allam) is, according to one show description, an “investigating judge,” which is different from what we think of as a judge in the United States. Several law references note that,

among other things, he can oversee the collection of evidence and question witnesses.

**Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.**

## HOROSCOPES

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### Aries (March 21-April 19):

Your inner self is asking you to pay attention to love. You may find that you’re called to practice self-care by reaching into the past and pulling out something that made you happy. It could be watching a movie or eating a meal that reminds you of someone who loves you.

### Taurus (April 20-May 20):

Your group of friends might be leaning toward quality over quantity. You may find yourself drawn to smaller gatherings involving people who you want to spend more time with. This can improve your popularity, allowing you to cultivate a circle that will be supportive of you.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20):

Let yourself be known! You may feel unprepared for the responsibilities of a higher professional position or unsure if an opportunity. Showcase yourself and don’t be afraid if you can’t shoulder whatever is thrown at you. Your ability to adapt won’t let you down.

### Cancer (June 21-July 22):

Creative inspiration strikes! Even if you’re not that artistic, you’re being gifted an enthusiastic spark. Even a task as simple as updating your resume would be a worthy use of the flowing energy. You may find that traveling goes smoothly as well!

### TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

**On April 5, 1614:** Chief Powhatan’s daughter Pocahontas married Englishman John Rolfe in the Virginia Colony.

**In 1887:** in Alabama, teacher Anne Sullivan

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):

Exclusivity can be enticing today. You may find a great new place and keep it all for yourself! The public might not celebrate you, but personal, heartfelt praise is more likely to come your way. It’s a good time to work in the shadows as well. The less you say about what you haven’t confirmed or finished, the better.

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Partnerships make sense today. You may find that compromise comes more easily, and others are less inclined to bicker. This time is valuable for growing partnerships and for allowing forgiveness to heal old wounds. Let any past hurts evolve into future connections.

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Mundane things can be beautiful today. You have been out of sync with life, and getting back to your routine is probably a relief. You’re likely to appreciate the small stuff, such as a friend running an errand. Gratitude goes a long way, and others are willing to take some of the burden.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Fortune favors the brave. Trying to hide won’t do you any good. Your heart is ready to be truthful, even if you’ve been trying to hold back. When you intuitively feel the urge to let your inner thoughts be known, don’t hesitate to express how you feel.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):

Your sense of self receives a boost of confidence today. You may have felt lost, like you’re not sure where you belong. Don’t worry! There’s a place in the universe’s pattern for you.

Instead of waiting for permission to be your best self, embody this person.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Home is where the heart is today. Now is a positive time to revamp your living arrangements, whether that means simply rearranging the furniture to improve the flow of your surroundings or even taking on a new roommate to really shake things up. Don’t shy away from what makes your house feel like home.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

The social butterfly in you is ready to take flight. Conversations may have been a little dry lately. Expect more people to reach out, potentially with conversations on topics that you’ve been dying to discuss. Let yourself get into spiritual conversations about your emotions.

### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

A better standard of living is calling your name. You may find that your finances are increasing, you receive more gifts, or even find more time to rest and relax. This can be a luxurious, relaxing time, but it may be difficult to take a break from the lucrative work that there is to be done.

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achieved a breakthrough as her 6-year-old deaf-blind pupil, Helen Keller, learned the meaning of the word “water” as spelled out in the Manual Alphabet.

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re Howard Hughes died in Houston at age 70.

### In 1991,

former Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, his daughter Marian and 21 other people were killed in a

commuter plane crash near Brunswick, Georgia.

**In 2008,** actor Charlton Heston died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 84.

**In 2019,** inspecting a refurbished section of fencing at the Mexican border in California, President Donald Trump declared that “our country is full,” and that illegal crossings must be stopped.

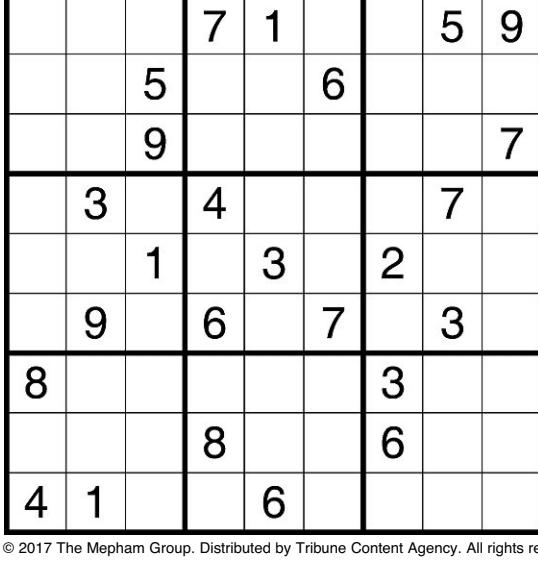
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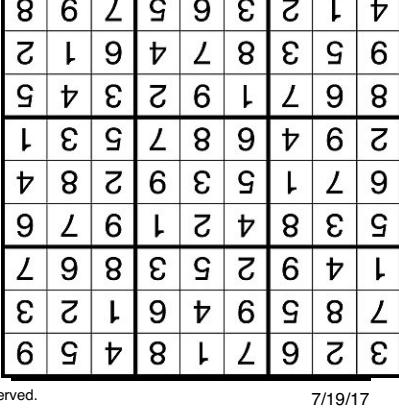
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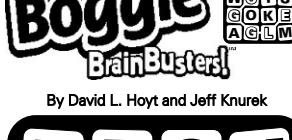
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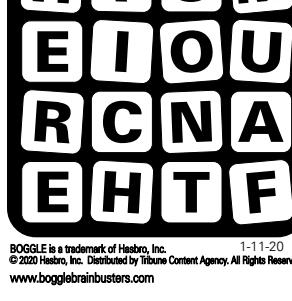
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## BOGGLE



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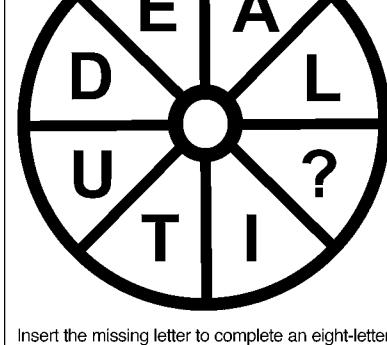
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8 letters = 10 points	11- 20 = Amateur
9+ letters = 15 points	0- 10 = Try again

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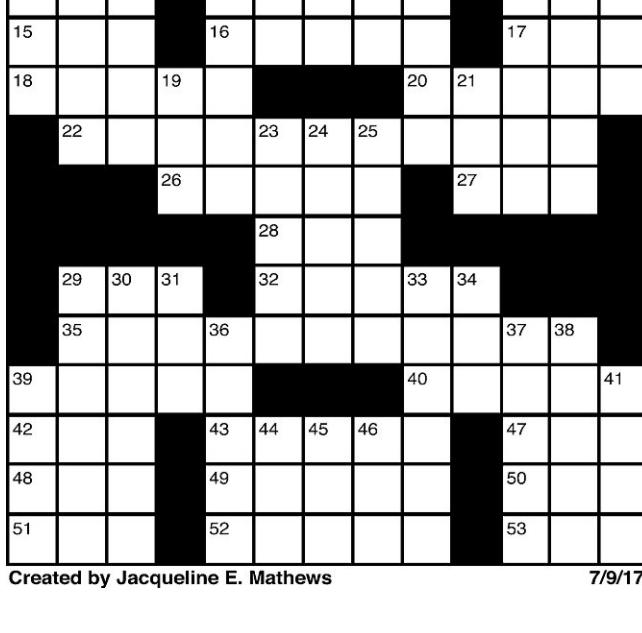


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## TV CROSSWORD

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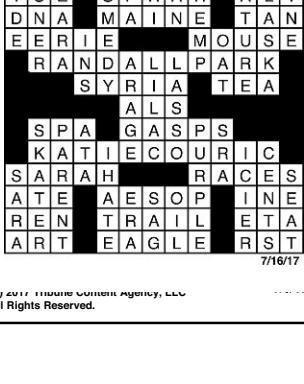


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### ACROSS

- 1 Hanna; role on "NCIS: Los Angeles"
- 4 Tooth parts
- 9 "Last \_\_\_ Standing"
- 12 Suffix for treat or expert
- 13 Former talk show hostess
- 14 Wong of "American Housewife"
- 15 Modern crime lab evidence
- 16 Northeasternmost U.S. state
- 17 Shade of brown
- 18 Spine-chilling
- 20 Mickey or Mighty
- 22 Actor on "Fresh Off the Boat"
- 26 Neighbor of Lebanon
- 27 Actress Leoni
- 28 Pacino and Roker
- 29 Mineral spring
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- 39 Actress \_\_\_ Jessica Parker
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- 42 Feasted



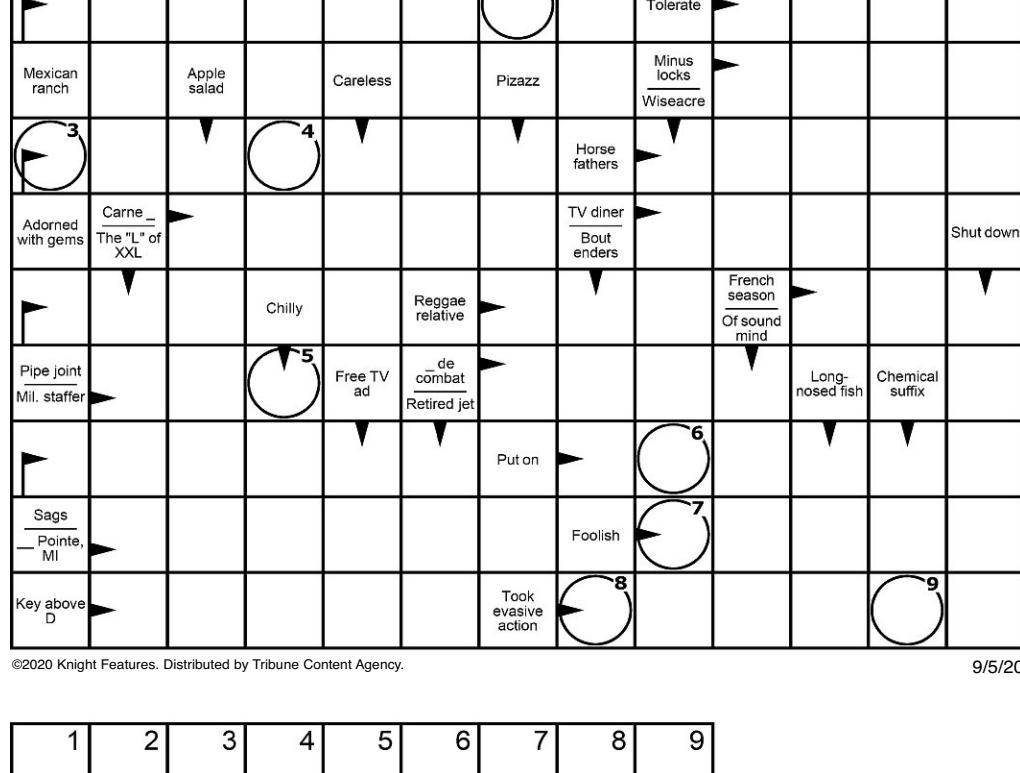
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- 47 Ending for Paul or Max
- 48 "The \_\_\_ & Stumpy Show"
- 49 "Santa Fe \_\_\_"; Errol Flynn western
- 50 Greek letter
- 51 Carney or Linkletter
- 52 "Eye"; Shia LaBeouf movie
- 53 OPQ followers

### DOWN

- 1 "Master and Commander: The Far \_\_\_ of the World"
- 2 Lou Grant's portrayer
- 3 Late actress/comedian Anne \_\_\_
- 4 "The Smothers Brothers \_\_\_ Hour"
- 5 Take \_\_\_ collection; pass the hat
- 6 \_\_\_ Lanka
- 7 "Peter \_\_\_"
- 8 One of the original Three Stooges
- 9 Actor Victor \_\_\_
- 10 Setting for "Northern Exposure"
- 11 "Star Trek: Deep Space \_\_\_"
- 19 \_\_\_ and outs; intricate details
- 21 Cereal grain
- 23 In \_\_\_; furious
- 24 Shade of purple
- 25 Cowboy's rope
- 29 Peggy Fleming or Michelle Kwan
- 30 "The \_\_\_ Trap"; movie for Lindsay Lohan and Dennis Quaid
- 31 "One Day \_\_\_ Time"
- 33 "The Color \_\_\_"; film for Whoopi
- 34 Mrs. in Madrid
- 36 "10 Things \_\_\_ About You"
- 37 Like a more frigid winter day
- 38 Pennies
- 39 Gilbert or Rue
- 41 Chair or bench
- 44 Historical period
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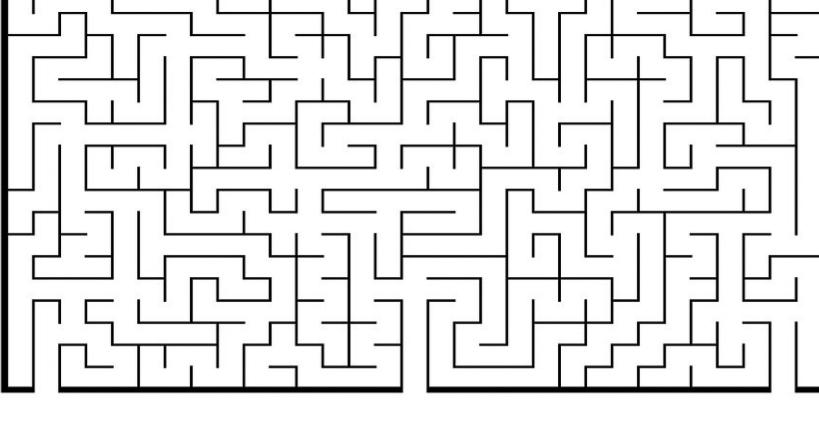


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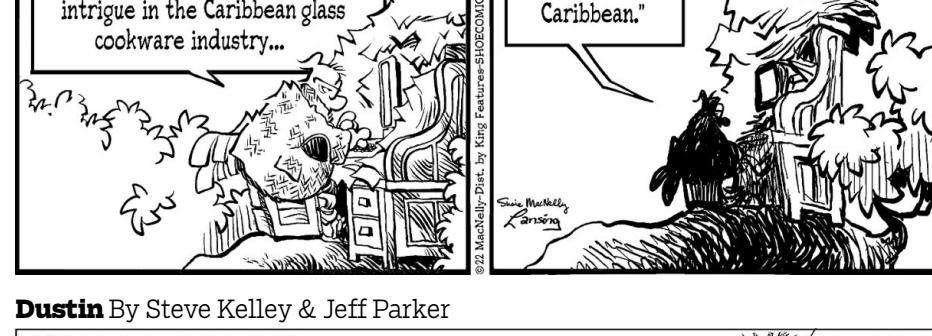
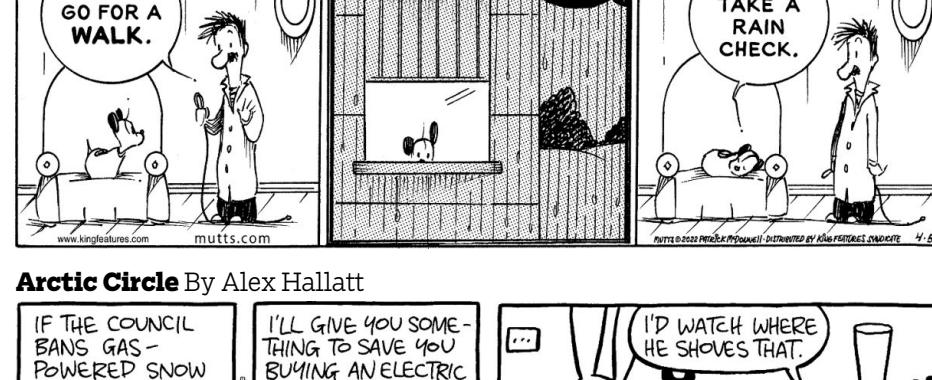
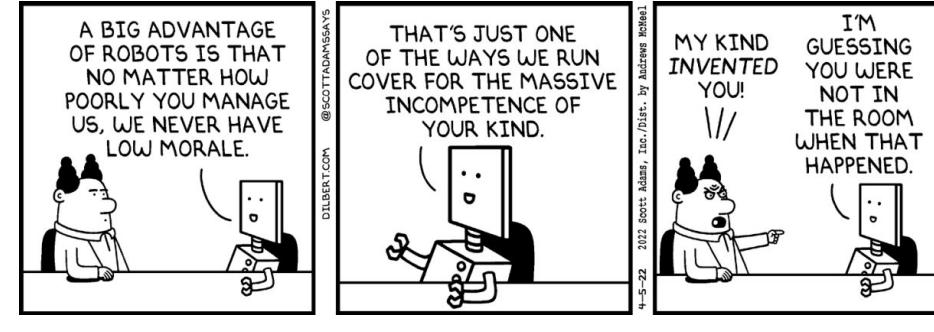
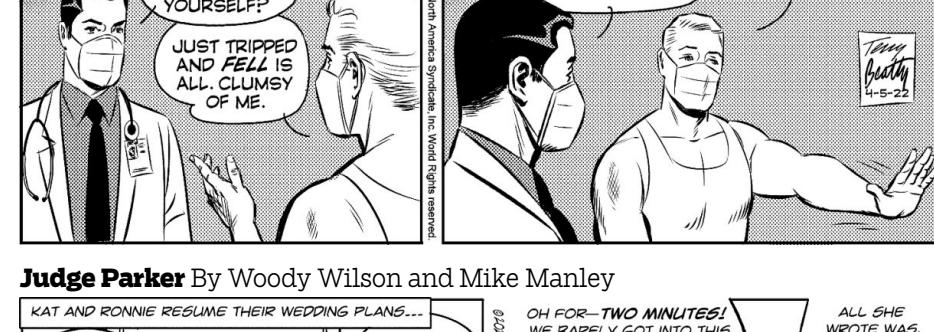
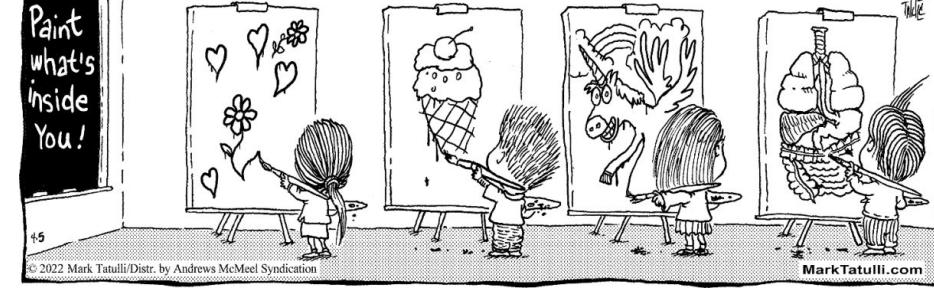
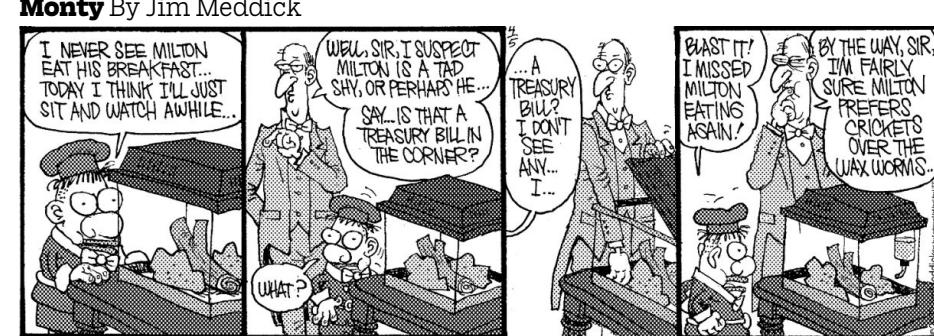
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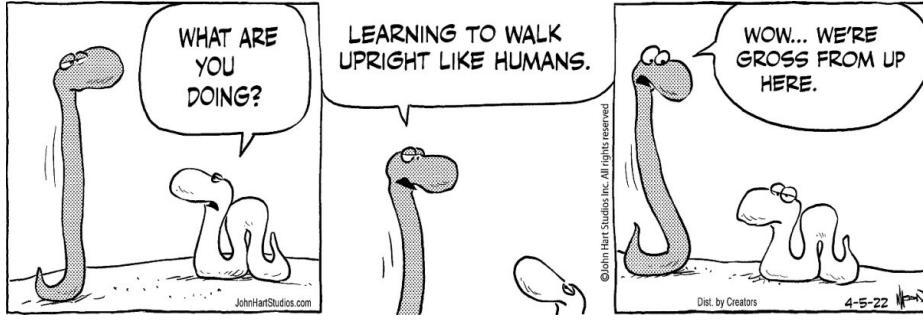
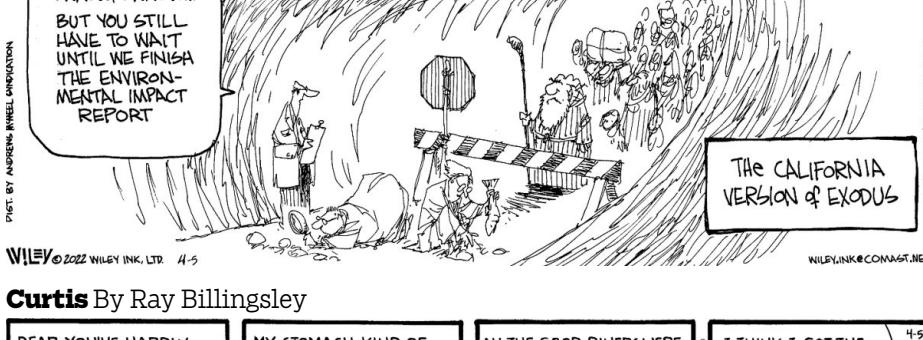
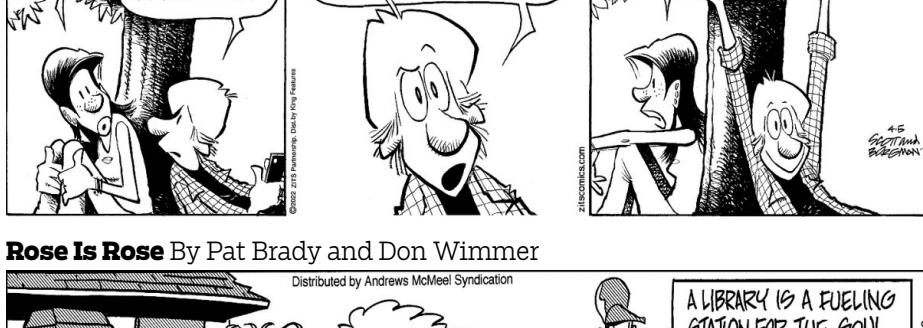
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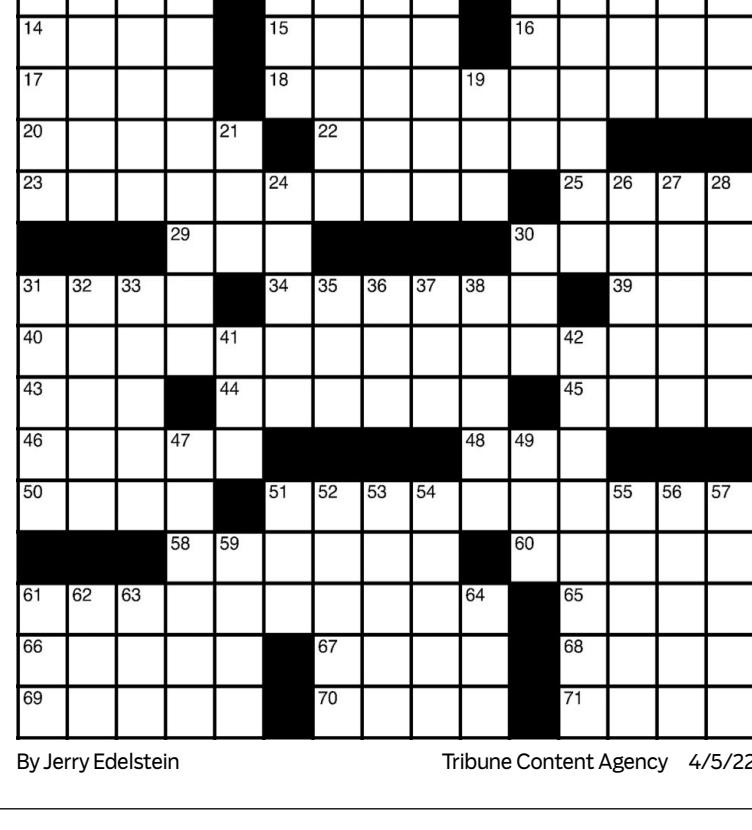
**Across**

- 1 Danish director von Trier  
5 One of a yardstick's 36  
9 "High waving heather stormy blasts bending": E. Brontë  
14 Actor Baldwin  
15 Home of the NFL's Saints, informally  
16 Bert's Muppet buddy  
17 Old Italian money  
18 Do a guard's job  
20 Addis  
22 Zagreb natives  
23 Prevail in the race (just barely)  
25 Pitching stats  
29 "Furthermore ..."  
30 Musical effect involving two quickly played repeated notes  
31 Lasting emotional injury  
34 Llama relative  
39 Jack Ryan org.  
40 "Brace yourself"  
43 QB's concern  
44 Food on the farm  
45 Gas sign in green letters  
46 Laugh at a joke, say  
48 Big Aussie bird  
50 Banks of "America's Next Top Model"  
51 Peel out  
58 Seaman's "Help!"  
60 Surname of vintners Ernest and Julio
- 61 Musical conductor ... and what the end of 18-, 23-, 40- or 51-Across can be?  
65 Hoarse voice  
66 Disney's Little Mermaid  
67 Miller \_\_: beer  
68 Soft French cheese  
69 First AFL-CIO leader George \_\_  
70 Unable to find the way  
71 Turney ranking

**Down**

- 1 Calif. legal drama  
2 Suspect's out  
3 Showed over  
4 Sword sheath  
5 \_\_ and outs: workings  
6 Mountain gap  
7 Santa \_\_, Calif.  
27 "a.k.a." name  
28 Blind strips  
30 Cross-shaped letter  
31 Metaphor in a big gambling loss  
32 \_\_ Island, home of the original Nathan's  
33 "I do" site  
35 Part of LLC: Abbr.

- 36 Group of whales  
37 Vote of approval  
38 Apple pie maker's device  
41 Poet's "many times"  
42 Tart-tasting preserve veggies  
47 Oriole Park at \_\_ Yards  
49 Coffee cup  
51 "So long"  
52 Arizona politics family name  
53 Car music source  
54 Nos in Novgorod  
55 Play loudly, as a 53-Down  
56 Commercial cow  
57 Lured (in)  
59 Friend  
61 "Pow!" relative  
62 "What \_\_ the odds?"  
63 Vardalos or Long  
64 IRA part: Abbr.



By Jerry Edelstein

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**BRIDGE**

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.**NORTH**

♦ A 10 8 5  
♥ K 9 8 2  
♦ J 7 4  
♣ K 8

**WEST**

♠ 3  
♥ Q 10 4  
♦ A K Q 10 8 2  
♣ 9 7 3

**EAST**

♦ Q 7 4  
♥ J 6 3  
♦ 9 5  
♣ Q 10 6 5 2

**SOUTH**

♠ K J 9 6 2  
♥ A 7 5  
♦ 6 3  
♣ A J 4

The bidding:

<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
1 ♠	2 ♦	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

**The power of positive thinking**

One mark of a good player is his ability to guess two-way finesses correctly. You don't have to be the seventh son of a seventh son to possess this attribute — it is simply a matter of assembling clues, interpreting them and acting accordingly.

Take this deal where West leads the K-A-Q of diamonds, declarer ruffing the third round as East discards a club. The contract is in the bag if South can avoid a trump loser, so all his thoughts are devoted to resolving that issue.

Declarer attacks the problem indirectly. He realizes, because West has shown up with six diamonds and East with two, that East probably has more spades than West. But since the trump division is far from certain, South postpones the critical guess in order to assemble some vital additional information.

He starts by cashing the K-A of clubs, then ruffs the jack. When West follows to

all three clubs, South can account for nine of West's original 13 cards.

Declarer next leads a heart to the ace and returns a heart to dummy's king. When West follows to both hearts, 11 of his cards become known.

The contract is now assured, whether West has one spade or two. Declarer cashes the ace of spades and finesse the jack on the return.

If East has the queen (the actual case), the finesse wins, and South is home. He later loses a heart trick.

If West has the Q-x of spades, the contract is still certain. This is because West, having started with two spades, two hearts, six diamonds and three clubs, will have to return a diamond after winning the spade queen, allowing South to ruff in dummy as he discards his heart loser.

**Tomorrow:** The percentage play.**JUMBLE**

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



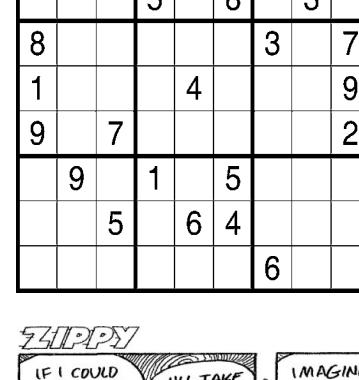
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: 

Yesterday's Jumbles: AFTER COLOR BOTTLE SLEEPY

Answer: When they subdivided the property into individual home sites, the result was — A LOT OF LOTS

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).

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B	A	L	B	E	A	R	E	N	T		
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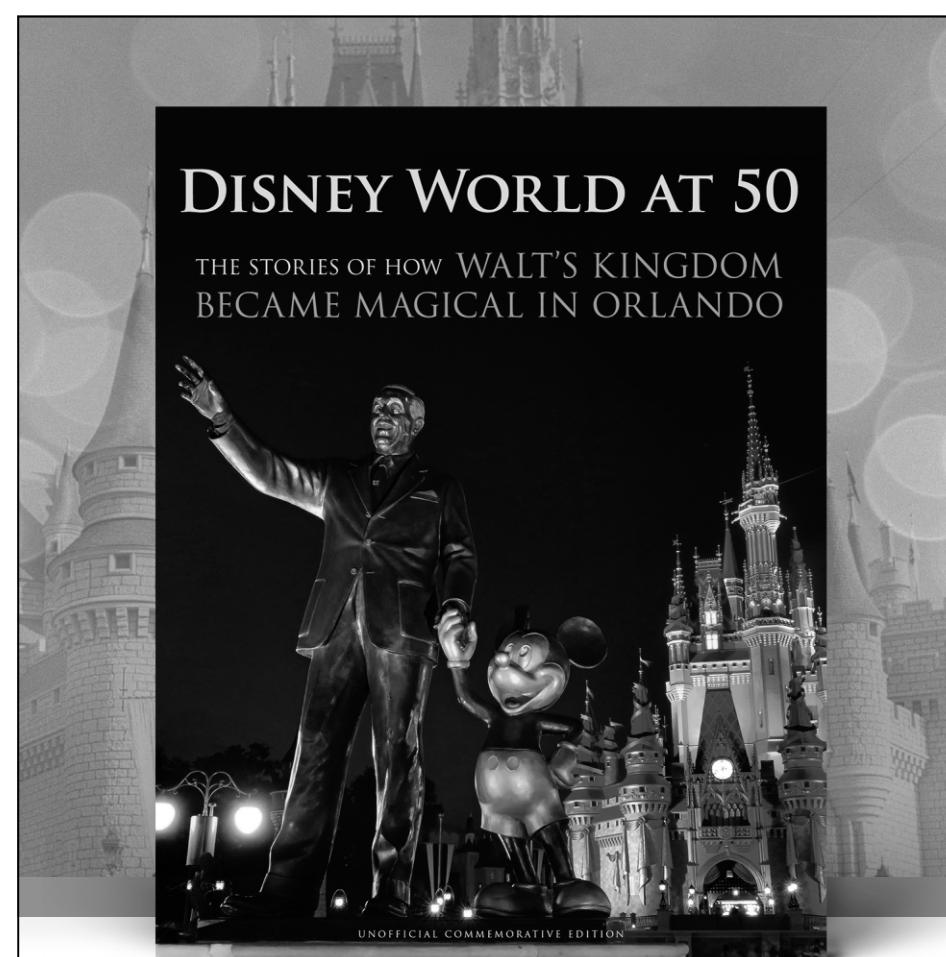
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# NCAA TOURNAMENT

SPECIAL E-EDITION SECTION

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

72



69

# Self-assured



Kansas players celebrate after defeating North Carolina 72-69 in the NCAA Tournament championship game on Monday at Caesars Superdome in New Orleans. The title is the school's fourth. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY

## Kansas completes biggest comeback in title game history, tops UNC to give coach 2nd championship in 19 seasons

### Most NCAA championships

11: UCLA

8: Kentucky

6: North Carolina

5: Duke

5: Indiana

4: UConn

4: Kansas

3: Villanova

### INSIDE

More from the title game, including analysis and box score. **Page 2**

**Today's sports section behind this supplement.**

By Eddie Pells  
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — What looked like a lost cause turned into one of the sweetest wins ever for Kansas.

The Jayhawks brought their fourth NCAA title back to Allen Fieldhouse on Monday thanks to a second-half flurry that erased a 16-point deficit and eventually overcame North Carolina 72-69 in an epic battle of power programs.

It was the largest comeback in national championship history, surpassing the 1963 title game when Loyola overcame a 15-point deficit to beat Cincinnati at the buzzer, 60-58.

"Tonight we obviously labored in the first half," said KU coach Bill Self, who won his second champi-

onship since coming to Lawrence in the 2003-04 season. "But the kids competed."

David McCormack scored the go-ahead bucket from close range with 1:21 left, then another at the 22-second mark to put the Jayhawks ahead by three.

North Carolina missed its final four shots, including Caleb Love's desperation 3 at the buzzer. His heave came up short after officials ruled that Kansas guard DaJuan Harris Jr., stepped out on an inbounds pass with 4.3 seconds left.

The Tar Heels went scoreless over the final 1:41. They couldn't find an answer for KU over the final 20 minutes.

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Kansas head coach Bill Self reacts to a call during the second half Monday in New Orleans. TOM PENNINGTON/GETTY

# NCAA TOURNAMENT

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME  
Kansas 72, North Carolina 69



Kansas' David McCormack shoots over the North Carolina defense during the second half of the NCAA Tournament championship game on Monday in New Orleans. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY

## Game recap, from Page 1

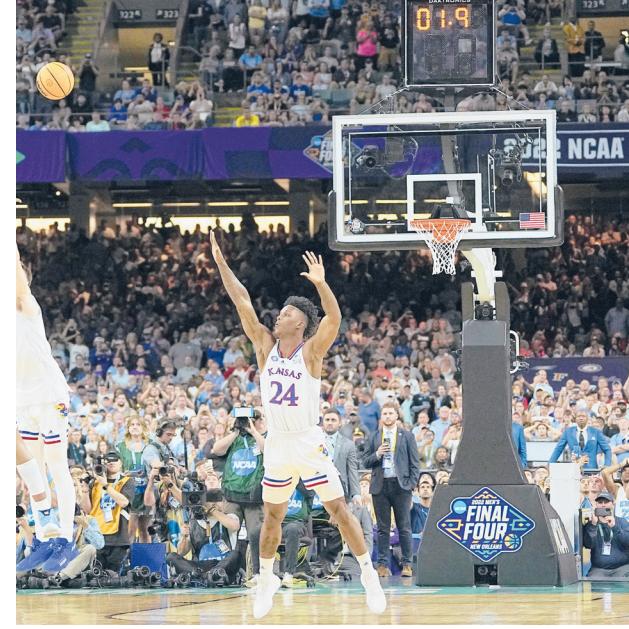
"They were penetrating and doing whatever they wanted," Love said.

After McCormick's go-ahead bucket, Love drove to the basket but his shot got blocked. North Carolina got an offensive rebound and fed to Armando Bacot under the bucket. But the big man lost his footing and turned it over, then limped off the court, unable to return.

That put Brady Manek, not as good a defender, on McCormick, and the Kansas big man backed in Manek for the shot that put the Jayhawks ahead by three.

"When we had to have a basket, we went to Big Dave, and he delivered," Self said.

McCormack and Jalen Wilson led KU with 15 points each. Christian Braun scored 10 of his 12 in the second half and transfer Remy Martin had 11 of his 14 over the final 20 minutes. The Jayhawks outscored Carolina 47-29 in the second half.



Kansas guard Remy Martin shoots around North Carolina forward Armando Bacot during the second half Monday in New Orleans. Martin scored 14 points in the Jayhawks' 72-69 victory. DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Carolina had scored 16 straight points late in the first half to open a 40-25 advantage at the break, but top-seeded KU (34-6) went

on a 31-10 run over the opening 10 minutes of the second to take a six-point lead and set up a fantastic finish.

Bacot had 15 points and

15 rebounds to become the first player to record double-doubles in all six tournament games. He finished the season with 31 double-doubles, but it was not enough. Carolina was trying to join 1985 Villanova as only the second 8 seed to win March Madness.

Instead, the Tar Heels (29-10) fell one win short and dropped to 6-6 all-time in title games. This was their record 21st — and possibly most unlikely — trip to the Final Four. They made it to the final by beating Duke in a back-and-forth thriller and sending Blue Devils coach Mike Krzyzewski into retirement.

There are no banners for that, though.

Instead, another will hang back in Lawrence, and McCormack, thanks to his late-game heroics, will go down in KU lore, along with Mario Chalmers, Danny Manning and the rest of the Kansas greats.

This title was three years in the making. KU was 28-3

and the odds-on favorite heading into March of 2020. Then, the COVID-19 pandemic hit and stopped both the Jayhawks, and the season, in their tracks.

Seven players from that roster are on this one, as well. In some of their minds there were no "what-might-have-beens" about 2020 — they knew they would have won it. They won this one instead, and showed, once again, it's never good to count them out.

While this wasn't quite the 47-15 beatdown they put on Miami over the final 20 minutes of the Sweet 16, it was still darn impressive given the circumstances.

Ochai Agbaji, the team's lone All-American, finished with 12 points and found breathing room after UNC's lockdown guard, Leaky Black, got his fourth foul 6 minutes into the second half.

"This is a special group of guys," Agbaji said. "We're going down in history. All I got to say is, 'Rock Chalk, baby.'"

## NO. 3 KANSAS 72, NORTH CAROLINA 69

	FG	FT	Reb	
	Min	M-A	O-T	A PF PTS
UNC				
Manek	36	4-8	2-2	5-13 0 3 13
Bacot	38	3-13	9-13	6-15 2 3 15
Davis	40	5-17	5-5	6-12 2 0 15
Love	38	5-24	4-2	1-3 1 2 13
Black	30	1-2	0-0	0-0 2 4 2
Johnson	18	5-9	0-0	2-6 1 1 11
McKoy	2	0-0	0-0	0-0 0 0 0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2023-7318-229-49</b>	<b>9 13</b>	<b>69</b>	

Percentages: FG .315, FT .818.

3-Point Goals: 5-23, 217 (Manek 3-6, Love 1-8, Black 0-1, Davis 0-5).

Team Rebounds: 6. Team Turnovers: None.

Blocked Shots: 6 (Manek 4, Bacot, Love).

Turnovers: 13 (Love 4, Bacot 3, Davis 3, Manek 2, Black).

Steals: 2 (Bacot, Black).

Technical Fouls: None.

	FG	FT	Reb	
	Min	M-A	O-T	A PF PTS
KANSAS				
McCormack	29	7-15	1-2	3-10 0 4 15
Wilson	34	5-13	4-4	1-4 2 1 15
Agbaji	37	3-13	3-8	1-3 1 1 12
Braun	40	6-14	2-2	1-12 3 3 12
D.Harris	27	1-5	0-0	0-0 3 0 2
R.Martin	21	5-9	0-0	0-3 1 2 14
Lightfoot	7	1-1	0-0	1-1 1 4 2
Adams	3	0-0	0-0	0-0 0 1 0
Coleman-Lands	2	0-0	0-0	0-1 0 0 0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2029-66</b>	<b>8-14</b>	<b>7-34</b>	<b>11 16 72</b>

Percentages: FG .439, FT .571.

3-Point Goals: 6-17, 35% (R.Martin 4-6, Agbaji 1-4, Wilson 1-8, Braun 0-1, D.Harris 0-1).

Team Rebounds: 6. Team Turnovers: None.

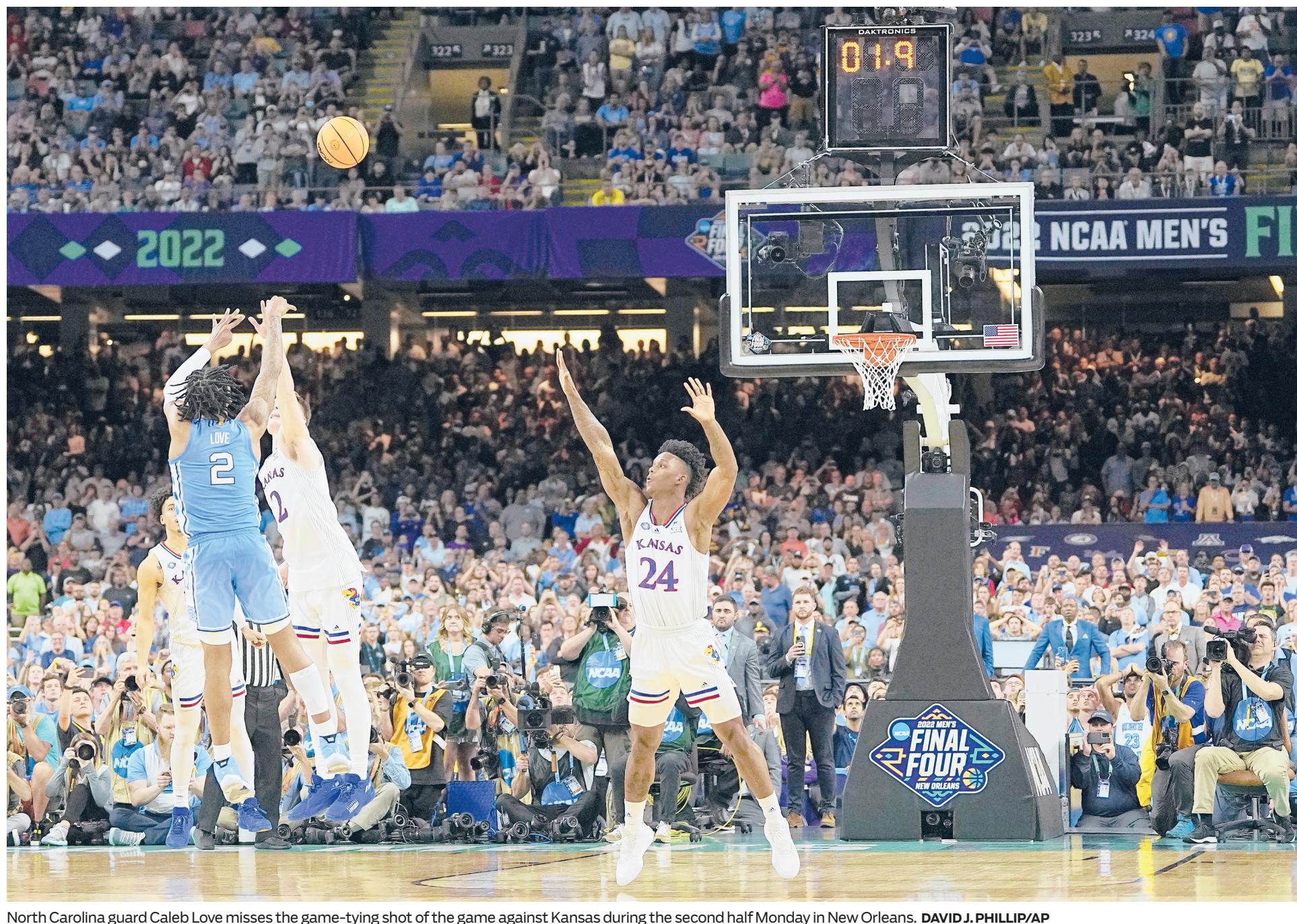
Blocked Shots: 5 (Agbaji, D.Harris, McCormack, R.Martin, Wilson).

Turnovers: 9 (D.Harris 4, Agbaji 2, Braun, McCormack, R.Martin).

Steals: 6 (D.Harris 3, Agbaji, McCormack, R.Martin).

Technical Fouls: None.

North Carolina	40	29	—	69
Kansas	25	47	—	72



North Carolina guard Caleb Love misses the game-tying shot of the game against Kansas during the second half Monday in New Orleans. DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP



## In today's e-edition: NCAA championship game coverage

Check out our e-edition for a 2-page, digital-only section covering Monday's NCAA Tournament title game between North Carolina and Kansas, which ended too late for our print editions. The section includes game coverage, box score and numerous photos from the matchup.

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# SPORTS

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### BIG EAST MEN'S BASKETBALL

## New coaching hires will make path tougher

By Shreyas Laddha

Hartford Courant

In a league where nothing comes easy and every game is a battle, the Big East has gotten even more formidable in the last couple of weeks.

The conference found itself in the thick of college basketball's

coaching carousel.

The Big East already had an impressive collection of men's basketball coaches, from Hall of Fame coach Jay Wright to newly crowned Naismith Coach of the Year Ed Cooley, UConn's Dan Hurley and many others.

Now Seton Hall, Xavier and Butler bring in new coaches with

impressive resumes.

The Pirates hired rising star Shaheen Holloway after Kevin Willard left for the Maryland job.

Holloway, a former Seton Hall player, rose to prominence when he led No. 15 seed St. Peter's to an Elite Eight run in March. The Peacocks defeated No. 2 seed Kentucky and No. 3 seed Purdue

along the way before losing to No. 8 North Carolina, which advanced to Monday night's NCAA championship game.

Xavier fired Travis Steele after failing to make the tournament for the fourth straight year. Interim head coach Jonas Hayes led the

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Coming off a solid season, UConn coach Dan Hurley loses four of his top five scorers. FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

### UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## For Geno, it's back to the future



Coach Geno Auriemma has a spring and summer to contemplate what UConn needs to do to get back on top of the women's basketball world. One thing is clear to Auriemma: with much of its roster coming back, South Carolina likely will stand in UConn's way again. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP PHOTOS



Dom Amore

Auriemma has the tools to get Huskies back to the top next season

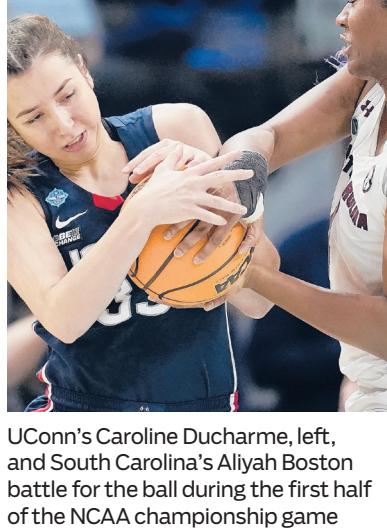
MINNEAPOLIS — UConn women's basketball has been muscled off the mountain-top. South Carolina, with its second championship in six years, looks down upon the rest of women's basketball and does not figure to be descending any time soon.

"They have a lot of players coming back," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said, his voice raspy from the cold or flu that struck his team before the Huskies lost the NCAA championship game, 64-49, Sunday night. "This particular South Carolina team was the best one they've had. What does that mean for next year? I don't know, but you go into next season thinking they're going to be in your way at some point if you want to win the whole thing."

South Carolina started two seniors, Destanni Henderson, the guard who tormented UConn with 26 points, and 6-foot-2 forward Victoria Saxton, one of the frontcourt forces that helped the Gamecocks compile their shocking 49-24 edge in rebounding. Aliyah Boston, the national player of the year who averaged 16 points and 15 rebounds across the NCAA Tournament, is a junior.

Going forward, no one should expect South Carolina to drop off much from one season to the next, no matter who leaves. Gamecocks coach Dawn Staley, with her engaging, authentic

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UConn's Caroline Ducharme, left, and South Carolina's Aliyah Boston battle for the ball during the first half of the NCAA championship game Sunday night in Minneapolis. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

### ANALYSIS

## Title game ended in disappointment, but effort it took to get there was an accomplishment in itself

By Lori Riley

Hartford Courant

MINNEAPOLIS — It had happened here before, at the Target Center, 27 years ago, for the UConn women's basketball team.

UConn coach Geno Auriemma was the brash upstart going up against venerable Tennessee coach Pat Summitt, and UConn was looking for its first national championship.

Eleven titles and almost three decades later, here the Huskies were again Sunday night going against South Carolina for yet another national championship.

But this UConn team was not the dominant, unbeaten team of 1995 — and that team did not have the weight of expectations on it that every UConn team has now. This year, injuries and illness decimated the Huskies during the regular season, and just when they got everybody back together and were playing well in the Big East Tournament, more injuries and illness struck in the NCAA Tournament.

So when South Carolina punched first, opening the game with a 13-2 run en route to a 64-49 victory in the NCAA championship game at the Target Center Sunday, the Huskies struggled to respond.

They did respond eventually, cutting an 18-point second-quarter lead to six with 1:30 to go in the third quarter, but that was as close as they could get, losing for the first time in a national championship game.

"I think it was a remarkable effort by them to stay together as well as they did throughout the entire year and to be in this game," Auriemma said. "But once you get in this game, you want to win this game. You're not just happy to be here. But I think when this wears off, I think they'll appreciate the effort that it took to

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### RED SOX

## Sale placed on 60-day IL with broken rib, out at least until June

By Jason Mastrodonato

Boston Herald

Red Sox lefthander Chris Sale has said he's been feeling better in recent days, but a stress fracture in a rib will cause him to miss at least the first two months of the season.

The Red Sox placed Sale on the 60-day injured list Monday, making him ineligible to return before June. He hasn't thrown since hurting the rib while throwing a pitch at Florida Gulf Coast University during the MLB lockout in February.

Sale told reporters in Fort Myers, Fla., on Saturday that a recent MRI showed that the bone is healing and the bruising is going down. He said he could throw now if he needed to, but wants to be sure he's healthy before he starts ramping up.

"I feel good, night and day," he told reporters. "I can run. I can jump. I can twist. I can start doing some things. There is nothing going on with the muscle. It's just the bone, which is a good thing. But you have to make sure the muscles don't do something before the

bone is ready to handle it. They attach. This pulls on this. And if this pulls too much it can be irritated or do something to it."

Giving Sale guaranteed time to heal is a safe bet to ensure he

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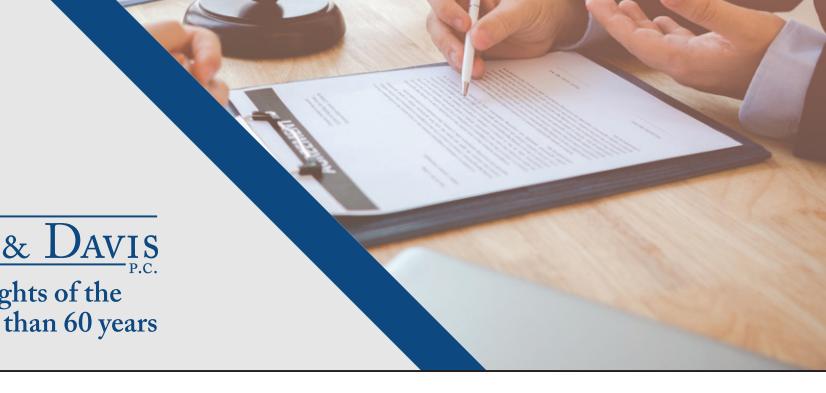
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**7 p.m.:** Georgia at Clemson. (Live) ACC

**BASKETBALL**

**7:30 p.m.:** Rockets at Nets. (Live) YES

**8 p.m.:** Bucks at Bulls. (Live) ESPN

**8 p.m.:** G-League Playoffs

Long Island Nets at Delaware Blue Coats. (Live) ESPN2

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SPAL vs Cosenza Calcio. (Live) FSP

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Reggina Calcio vs Benevento. (Same-day Tape) FSP

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Pumas UNAM vs Cruz Azul. (Live) FS1

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**5 p.m.:** Northwestern at

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**10 a.m.:** WTA Charleston Open, Early Rounds. (Live)

**TENNIS**

**7 p.m.:** WTA Charleston Open, Early Rounds. (Live)

**TENNIS**

**METS**

# Scherzer still set to throw bullpen session

Pitcher, nursing tight hamstring, looks to get it done before camp breaks

By Deesha Thosar  
New York Daily News

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Mets right-hander Max Scherzer will try to complete an important hurdle at Clover Park on Tuesday, 48 hours from opening day.

Scherzer is still scheduled to throw a bullpen session Tuesday, which will be his first time back on a mound since being sidelined with right hamstring tightness.

The veteran was scratched from his Saturday start, and he first felt his hamstring tighten up last Thursday. He remains day to day.

The Mets have not yet ruled out Scherzer starting on Opening Day against the Nationals, his former team, in Washington on Thursday.

Manager Buck Showalter has indicated that, if all goes well for Scherzer on Tuesday, he could make the case to take the ball and open the regular season. Scherzer said Saturday that hamstring issues over his 14-year career have typically cleared up in a few days.

Still, it's probable the Mets will be as cautious as possi-

ble with Scherzer, who will turn 37 this season, to ensure he stays healthy for the long run rather than prioritizing an Opening Day start.

"You just deal with what you've got," Scherzer said Saturday. "This is what I have in front of me. These are obstacles I've got. I've got to figure out how to navigate through it. I've been pretty good about that in the past. I've found a way to get through different injuries. So hopefully this is just another one I can overcome."

The Mets break camp Tuesday after their Grapefruit League finale against the Nationals. The team will fly straight to Washington on

Tuesday, then go through a full-team afternoon workout Wednesday at Nationals Park.

**Nimmo has neck pain again:**

Brandon Nimmo is dealing with neck pain for the second time this spring. The Mets' leadoff hitter was not in the lineup for Monday's exhibition game against the Astros, managing another bout of neck stiffness.

Showalter said the center fielder will also be absent from the lineup Tuesday against the Nationals for the club's Grapefruit League finale. Showalter said he still expects Nimmo to be ready for opening day.

Nimmo also experienced

neck stiffness early this spring, before Grapefruit League games started, Showalter said.

The skipper said Nimmo "managed quickly, and it went away." This time, Nimmo felt his neck stiffen Sunday and immediately received treatment.

"I don't want to act un-cautious with it," Showalter said. "Talking to him... seems fine."

Nimmo also experienced neck stiffness in May 2019 that wound up being more severe. After a few weeks of being unsure about his own injury, Nimmo was diagnosed with a bulging cervical disk pushing on a nerve in his neck.



Former Ranger Jose Trevino didn't realize he was on the Yankees' radar when former teammates Joey Gallo and Isiah Kiner-Falefa called him last week.

DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

**YANKEES**

# Just like old times for Trevino

He joins former teammates Gallo, Kiner-Falefa with Yanks

By Kristie Ackert  
New York Daily News

TAMPA, Fla. — Jose Trevino thought Joey Gallo and Isiah Kiner-Falefa were just being good friends. Their former teammate thought they were calling last week to just check in and see how he was doing. Instead, they were doing some reconnaissance.

"They never told me," Trevino said with a laugh of the trade that brought him from the Rangers to the Yankees. "Nobody really filled me, and they were just I guess, I thought they were just checking on me being good friends."

Now, Gallo and Kiner-Falefa just have to turn around in the clubhouse to see Trevino's locker, but it's unlikely he will be there much. Trevino has already dug in on

becoming a Yankees catcher.

Gallo described Trevino as a guy who "cares more" about his pitchers than anything. Trevino arrived with just two days left in spring training and is eager to start getting familiar with the Yankees staff.

"I was actually on the plane last night and I was kind of scrolling through some of the guys. I faced a lot of these guys, too, and then kind of going over scout reports, stuff like that," Trevino said Monday morning before the Yankees' penultimate spring training game against the Phillies. "Just trying to get to know them on the run, and then I am finally getting to meet them in person, getting to put a face to some pitches and all that kind of stuff."

The 29-year-old Trevino is a .245/.270/.364 career hitter over parts of four years in the big leagues. Last year, he started a career-high 89 games for the Rangers, hitting .239 with five homers and 30 RBIs. He will back up Kyle Higashioka, who took over the starting catch-

ing job when the Yankees traded Gary Sanchez to the Twins last month. The Bombers got Ben Rortvedt, a highly-touted young catcher, back in that trade, but he has been battling a strained oblique and will not be ready for the start of the season.

Trevino doesn't think it will take long to get comfortable.

"I usually just catch them once, just to kind of get a feel for them to kind of get my eyes on them," Trevino said. "The quicker the better."

**A new look:** Miguel Castro was ready for something different. So the right-hander wasn't too upset when the news came that he'd been dealt across town from the Mets to the Yankees. That news came with the mandatory shave and cut of his long hair.

"It's OK. Time for a change," Castro said with a smile.

Castro, 27, has "big stuff," according to an American League scout. He went 3-4 with a 3.45 ERA and 77

strikeouts in 70 1/3 innings pitched in a career-high 69 appearances in 2021. He led all Mets relievers in appearances and innings pitched, and held opponents to a .189 batting average. Castro struggled with command last season, walking 43. In three appearances this spring, however, he has not walked a batter.

"I guess being more patient with myself on the mound and having trust on the pitches that I have, having trust in executing those pitches," Castro said through Yankees interpreter Marlon Abreu. "I just concentrate and execute a pitch at a time trying to keep things simple."

The Yankees are familiar with him from his four years with the Orioles and two with the Blue Jays.

"I've faced this team many times, and I never thought I would be part of this team. I never did," Castro said. "And for me, coming in now, I am very excited and happy about the opportunity, opportunity and thank God for it."

**YARD GOATS**

# Several top Rockies prospects on the opening day roster

Staff report

Three of the Colorado Rockies' top 10 prospects and two from the 40-man roster will be on the Hartford Yard Goats' opening day roster, which was released Monday.

The Rockies assigned 15 pitchers and 13 position players to Hartford, Colorado's Double-A affiliate. Included are three of the Rockies' top 10 prospects as listed by MLB.com: No. 6 Ezequiel Tovar, an infielder; No. 7 Brenton Doyle, an outfielder; and No. 8 Michael Toglia, a first baseman.

The Yard Goats have two players on the Rockies' 40-man MLB roster (right-handed pitcher Noah Davis, their No. 26 prospect; and Tovar), two first-round picks (right-handed pitcher Riley Pint and Toglia), and three second-round picks (right-handed pitcher Karl Kauffmann, their No. 28 prospect; right-handed pitcher Mitch Kilkenny; and

infielder Aaron Schunk, their No. 19 prospect). No. 27 prospect RHP Gavin Hollowell, former UConn closer PJ Poulin, and returnees Coco Montes, an infielder, and outfielder Jameson Hannah, have made the roster as well.

Tovar was named the Abby Greer Award winner as the 2022 Rockies spring training MVP after batting .550 (11 for 20) with three homers and seven RBIs in 10 Cactus League games.

Toglia returns for his second season with the Yard Goats. He hit .217 with 10 doubles, five home runs and 18 RBIs in 41 games for Hartford in 2021. He was named to the All-Star Futures Game in 2021 at Coors Field in Denver.

The opening day roster includes 15 newcomers along with 13 returning players.

The Yard Goats open the season against the Binghamton Rumble Ponies on Friday at 7 p.m. at Dunkin' Donuts Park in Hartford.

**Sale**

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doesn't rush himself back. This way he can take his time and likely make some rehab starts before he returns to the big leagues.

The Red Sox will go into the season with a starting rotation of Nathan Eovaldi, Nick Pivetta, Tanner Houck, Michael Wacha and Rich Hill.

James Paxton, who is recovering from Tommy John surgery, is also expecting a mid-season return.

The Red Sox also added righthander Tyler Danish to the big league roster. The 27-year-old hasn't been in the big leagues since 2018. He has a career 4.85 ERA in 13 innings over three years with the White Sox. He had a 3.84 ERA with 79 strikeouts and 15 walks in 70 1/3 innings between Double A and Triple A in the Angels organization last year.

MLB also announced that former Red Sox utility man Danny Santana, currently a free agent, was suspended 80 games after testing positive for Boldeonone, a performance-enhancing drug.

Santana along with two other free agents, Richard Rodriguez and José

Rondón, were suspended for the same drug. They're the first three players to be suspended for PEDs since the lockout ended. Players were not being tested for PEDs during the lockout, worrying industry experts who predicted players would try to fast-track PEDs in the downtime.

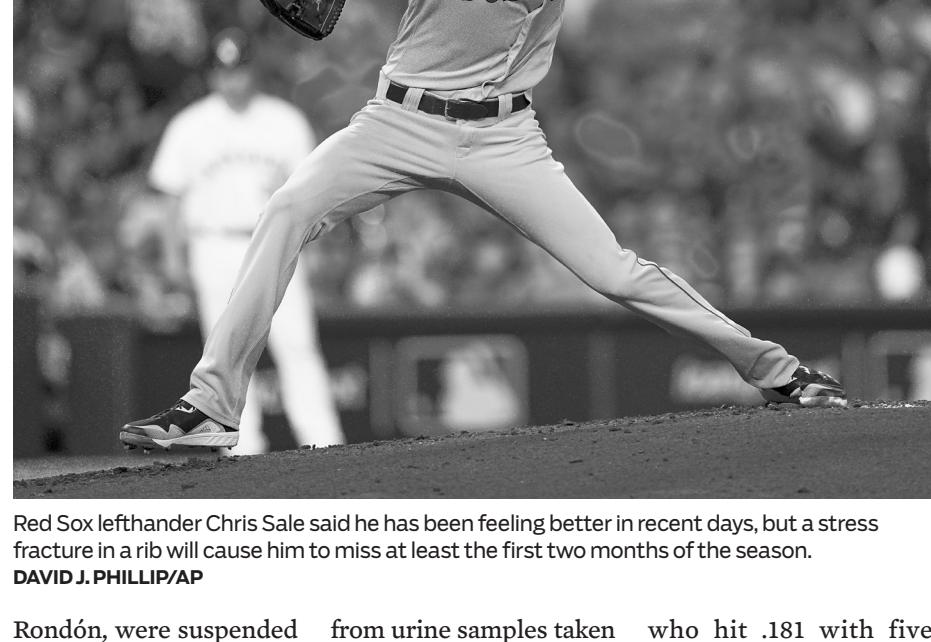
But the tests resulted

from urine samples taken before the lockout started Dec. 2. MLB concluded it could not announce discipline during the lockout, a person familiar with the testing program said, speaking on condition of anonymity because that detail was not announced.

Santana, 31, is an eight-year major league veteran

who hit .181 with five homers and 14 RBIs in 38 games for the Red Sox last season. He has a .255 career average with 47 homers and 202 RBIs for Minnesota (2014-17), Atlanta (2017-18), Texas (2019-20) and Boston.

An Associated Press report is included in this story.



Red Sox lefthander Chris Sale said he has been feeling better in recent days, but a stress fracture in a rib will cause him to miss at least the first two months of the season.

DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

## SCOREBOARD

### NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE		GP W L OT PTS GF GA					
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Florida	69	49	15	6	102	287	204
Toronto	68	44	19	5	93	258	207
Tampa Bay	68	43	18	7	93	228	192
Boston	68	43	20	5	91	217	183
Detroit	69	26	34	9	61	197	268
Buffalo	70	25	34	11	61	193	248
Ottawa	68	25	37	6	56	181	221
Montreal	69	19	39	11	49	178	262
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Carolina	69	45	16	8	98	230	164
NY. Rangers	70	44	20	6	94	214	185
Pittsburgh	70	41	19	10	92	233	188
Washington	69	37	22	10	84	226	202
NY. Islanders	68	32	27	9	73	190	186
Columbus	69	32	32	5	69	223	260
Philadelphia	69	22	36	11	55	179	246
New Jersey	69	24	39	6	54	213	258

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

WESTERN CONFERENCE		GP W L OT PTS GF GA					
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Colorado	69	49	14	6	104	262	189
Minnesota	68	43	20	5	91	252	209
St. Louis	68	38	20	10	84	245	201
Nashville	68	39	25	4	82	224	199
Dallas	68	39	26	3	81	201	204
Winnipeg	70	33	27	10	76	217	219
Chicago	70	24	35	11	59	188	247
Arizona	69	22	42	5	46	176	249
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Calgary	68	40	19	9	89	238	171
Los Angeles	71	38	23	10	88	205	202
Edmonton	70	40	5	5	82	249	225
Vegas	71	39	28	4	82	227	210
Vancouver	70	32	27	9	73	190	202
Anaheim	71	28	31	2	68	199	230
San Jose	68	29	31	8	66	181	218
Seattle	69	22	41	6	50	182	242

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

x-clinched playoff spot

y-clinched division

z-clinched conference

### MONDAY'S RESULTS

Boston at Columbus, late  
Toronto at Tampa Bay, late  
Arizona at St. Louis, late  
Calgary at Los Angeles, late

### TUESDAYS GAMES

Carolina at Buffalo, 7p.m.  
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 7p.m.  
Columbus at Philadelphia, 7p.m.  
NY. Rangers at New Jersey, 7p.m.  
Ottawa at Montreal, 7p.m.  
Toronto at Florida, 7p.m.  
Boston at Detroit, 7:30p.m.  
Minnesota at Nashville, 8p.m.  
NY. Islanders at Dallas, 8:30p.m.  
Edmonton at San Jose, 10:30p.m.

### WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at Winnipeg, 7:30p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Washington, 7:30p.m.  
Seattle at St. Louis, 8p.m.  
Calgary at Anaheim, 10p.m.  
Vancouver at Vegas, 10p.m.

### SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Florida 5, Buffalo 3  
Ottawa 5, Detroit 2  
NY. Islanders 4, New Jersey 3  
Vegas 3, Vancouver 2, OT  
Minnesota 5, Washington 1  
Arizona 3, Chicago 2, OT  
Philadelphia 4, NY. Rangers 3, SO  
Edmonton 6, Anaheim 1  
Seattle 4, Dallas 1

### TENNIS

#### WTA CREDIT ONE CHARLESTON

At Family Circle Tennis Center, Charleston, SC, Green clay-outdoors  
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64

Magdalena Frech d. #11 Petra Kvitova, 7-6(6), 3-2, ret.  
#12 Alize Cornet d. Alycia Parks, 6-0, 7-5.

#15 Amanda Anisimova, d.

Sachihi Vickery, 6-0, 7-5.

Zhang Shuai d. Francesca Di Lorenzo, 6-2, 6-4.

Katarina Zavatska d. Yuan Yue, 6-4, 6-2.

Anhelina Kalinina d.

Aliaksandra Sasnovich, 6-4, 6-4.

Linda Fruhwirtova d. Ana Konjuh, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Anna Bondar d. Arianne Hartono, 6-1, 6-4.

Claire Liu d. Heather Watson, 6-4, 6-2.

Ekatereina Alexandrova d. Allie Kiick, 6-1, 6-1.

Ulrikke Eikeri d. Nadia Kichenok, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

Jasmine Paolini d. Gabriela Lee, 6-2, 6-3.

Shelby Rogers vs. Kaia Kanepi, late

Xinyu Wang vs.

Irina-Camelia Begu, late

#### WTA COPA COLSANITAS

At Centro de Alto Rendimiento, Bogota, Colombia, Red clay-outdoors

#### WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

#3 Rebecca Peterson d. Maria Fernanda Herazo Gonzalez, 6-4, 6-3.

Laura Pigossi d. #5 Harmony Tan, 6-4, 6-3.

Mirjam Bjorklund d. Renata Zarazua, 6-1, 6-3.

Lucrezia Stefanini d. Despina Papamachil, 6-3, 6-4.

Tatjana Maria d. Maria Lourdes Carle, 6-1, 6-2.

Sara Errani d. Stefanie Voegeli, 6-0, 6-3.

#### U.S. CLAY COURT CHAMPIONSHIP

In Houston, clay-outdoors

#### MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

Frances Tiafoe vs.

Marcos Giron, late

Gjys Brouwer vs.

Feliciano Lopez, late

Denis Kudla vs. Steve Johnson, late

Jeffrey John Wolf vs.

Jenson Brooksby, late

### GOLF

#### LATE SUNDAY: PGA TOUR VALERO TEXAS OPEN

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277 (-11) \$765,400

Matt Jones (245)

68-75-68-66

Matt Kuchar (245)

67-69-72-69

278 (-10) \$344,000

Adam Hadwin (109)

70-70-71-67

Troy Merritt (109)

69-71-69-69

Charles Howell III (109)

70-67-72-69

Beau Hossler (109)

73-66-67-72

279 (-9) \$234,350

Keegan Bradley (75)

71-71-71-66

Mathias Schwab (75)

69-72-70-68

Gary Woodland (75)

70-67-72-70

Brendon Todd (75)

68-69-72-70

Dylan Frittelli (75)

70-66-70-73

280 (-8) \$158,670

Zach Johnson (55)

72-71-70-67

Mito Pereira (55)

71-70-69-70

Anirban Lahiri (55)

68-73-69-70

Si Woo Kim (55)

69-72-68-71

Scott Stallings (55)

68-72-67-73

281 (-7) \$92,606</

# UCONN

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## Amore

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persona and added appeal of her status as Olympic head coach, will keep the Gamecocks in contention for any recruit they desire.

And they desire to win a lot more.

"I don't think winning two national championships or going to the Final Four back to back is considered a dynasty in my day and age," Staley said.

This is going to be a lot to overcome if Auriemma, 68, is going to get that elusive 12th championship before he decides to call it a career. But UConn is in position to do it.

The Huskies, with this improbable, or maybe we should say less-probable-than-usual, run to the championship game, are not yet to be relegated to "yesterday's dynasty." The program has lost no relevance, just the old lion's share of the limelight.

"This year [with the various injuries] was a perfect example of you plan for some things and then all of a sudden your plans get blown up," Auriemma said. "I like our chances, provided we don't have to navigate a season like we did this year. Knock on wood, if we stay healthy, I expect to be back here next year."

The task for Auriemma is to tweak a talented roster to better match up with the teams that will be in the Huskies' way next March: South Caro-

lina, NC State, Stanford, maybe a resurgent Notre Dame or an up-and-coming Indiana. The field of true contenders is getting bigger. And he is going to need bigger, more physical forwards to open the floor for UConn's star attractions, Paige Bueckers and Azzi Fudd.

"It gets harder to anticipate what could happen the following season," Auriemma said. "It's a different world now. You have so many variables into how a team is put together. You used to have a pretty good feel. This is the team we have. This is the team we're going to have, and nothing is going to change that. There are too many things different now but the number of freshmen and sophomores we played, who played a lot of minutes and really got an education of what it takes to win at this level."

The best news in all this is the transfer portal and the new rules governing it. Auriemma made clear that he is no fan of the system that has over 800 players looking for new schools, many of whom won't find them or may be carrying baggage a title contender doesn't need. But no program or franchise can maintain its success by ignoring new ways to gather talent.

Auriemma, with his knack for identifying players to fit his culture, has found valuable players in the portal: Evina Westbrook from Tennessee and Dorka Juhász from Ohio State, who might have made a difference if she had not fractured a wrist in the Bridgeport Region

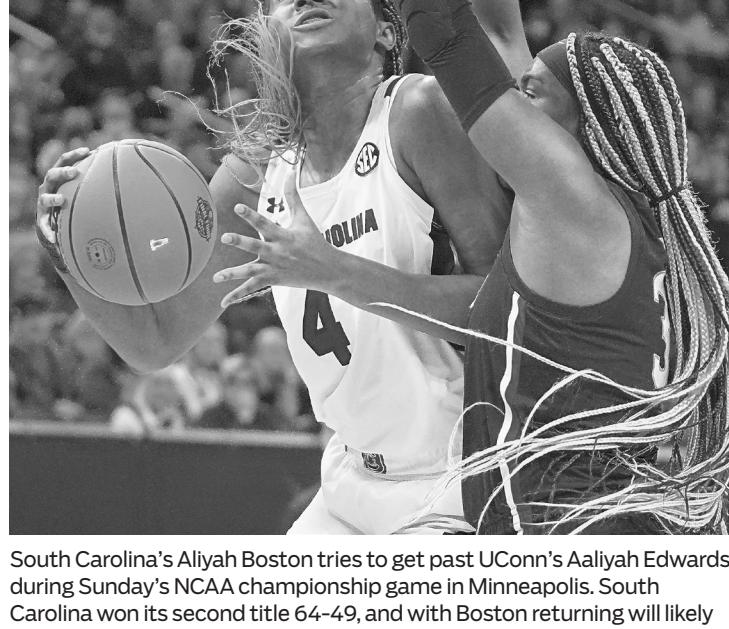
final. Surely there are other powerful forwards out there who would want to test themselves against the UConn experience and see themselves as the missing piece of championship puzzle.

Bueckers, Fudd, Juhász, Caroline Ducharme, Aaliyah Edwards and Nika Mühl, six of the nine-player rotation the Huskies had when healthy, are presumably coming back, with Aubrey Griffin recovering from back surgery. Auriemma sent freshman Amari DeBerry in for a few first-half minutes Sunday and said she has committed to working hard this summer to earn a bigger role next season. Piati Gabril will be a sophomore. Incoming freshman Ayanna Patterson, 6-2, and Isuneh "Ice" Brady, 6-3, were recruited with an eye toward building the future frontcourt.

UConn no longer has the target on its back in women's basketball, but it's clear to all where the target is. If the college game now employs a form of free agency, who would have a better GM?

"You look at the makeup of your team and the other teams around the country and you ask, 'What are we missing?' And, 'what are our strengths?' And you try to address those in the offseason. That's what we've always done, and that's what we're going to do," Auriemma said.

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South Carolina's Aaliyah Boston tries to get past UConn's Aaliyah Edwards during Sunday's NCAA championship game in Minneapolis. South Carolina won its second title 64-49, and with Boston returning will likely be the favorite next season. ERIC GAY/AP

the line 26 times, hitting 17 free throws while UConn was 1 of 4 from the free-throw line for the entire game.

On top of that, Auriemma said that Olivia Nelson-Ododa had a groin injury and Fudd didn't feel well Sunday. Fudd didn't make it to the shoot-around in the morning, but both played. Nelson-Ododa had four points and two rebounds. Fudd, who averaged 12.5 points, hit one 3-pointer.

Aaliyah Edwards played well inside defensively against the bigger Boston, but there was only so much she could do. She ended up with two rebounds and eight points. At one point late in the first half, Auriemma went way down his bench and subbed in rarely used freshman forward Amari DeBerry.

The guards struggled, too, as South Carolina's defense disrupted the UConn offense from the start — Christyn Williams was 1 for 7 and had her first basket of the game with 1:54 left. Mühl, who played 17 minutes, hit one shot.

Overall, UConn did the best it could defensively with the personnel it had. South Carolina was averaging 71 points per game before Sunday.

"I just want to say UConn played an incredible game," South Carolina coach Dawn Staley said. "They cut the lead to six, and they just kept fighting and fighting and fighting, and I thought our players were really resilient, and they

didn't want to lose this so close to being national champions. They did not want to lose this battle, so they kicked it into another gear to get it done."

For the last week, the Huskies were riding a bit of a wave of invincibility — despite everything — and it crashed Sunday night. And South Carolina was ferociously good, both defensively and offensively.

"I've said this all along — you have to be really good, and you have to be a little bit lucky to win the national championship," Auriemma said after the game.

"You have to be really well-balanced, and you have to be all the things that South Carolina is. You have to have good guard play. Your big guys have to be able to dominate either at one end or the other. Then you need a little bit of luck."

"The 11 times that we won, I would say — maybe all 11 but at least 10, we had the better team. We played like we were the better team, and we were well-balanced and we had all the bases covered and we had everything that you needed to win a championship."

"We said when we got here, we're going to need a little bit of help from Stanford on Friday night, and they didn't shoot the ball like they normally do, and we were going to need a little bit of help [Sunday night], and [South Carolina] didn't cooperate."

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Providence will be: How many of the seniors will use their extra year of eligibility due to COVID-19?

## Xavier Musketeers

**Coach:** Sean Miller

**Predicted conference finish:** sixth Miller inherits a Xavier squad with some talent, as showcased by the NIT championship. However,

the Musketeers lose Paul Scruggs and Nate Johnson as they have exhausted their eligibility. This leaves Xavier a bit thin at the guard spot, but Adam Kunkel could fill that spot if he decides to come back.

## Seton Hall Pirates

**Coach:** Shaheen Holloway

**Predicted conference finish:** seventh Holloway takes over a middle-of-the-conference team, but with the departure of Bryce Aiken and Myles Cale and potentially Jared Rhoden, the Pirates could take a step back.

Here's a closer look at how the Huskies and other teams could fare in the improved Big East:

## Creighton Bluejays

**Coach:** Greg McDermott

**Predicted conference finish:** 1st

McDermott led Creighton to the Round of 32 despite losing his starting point guard, Ryan Nembhard, and starting center, Ryan Kalkbrenner, to injury. Last week, he was awarded a contract extension. While many coaches don't play freshmen many minutes, McDermott relied on three to play pivotal roles: Nembhard, Arthur Kaluma and Trey Alexander.

## St. John's Red Storm

**Coach:** Mike Anderson

**Predicted conference finish:** eighth

Anderson led the Red Storm to a 17-15 record and a seventh-place finish in the conference despite some impressive talent on the roster. Julian Champagnie and Aaron Wheeler declared for the NBA draft. Even if Anderson uses the portal, it will be tough to replace the impact of Champagnie, who showed the skills of an NBA player.

## DePaul Blue Demons

**Coach:** Tony Stubblefield

**Predicted conference finish:** ninth Stubblefield led DePaul to a 15-16 record overall but finished 10th in the conference. The Blue Demons played hard every night but lacked overall talent and experience.

DePaul loses its best player in Javon Freeman-Liberty, who declared for the NBA draft after averaging 21.7 points. With Liberty gone, look for David Jones to become the primary offensive option. He averaged 14.5 points and showcased impressive defensive skills.

## Butler Bulldogs

**Coach:** Thad Matta

**Predicted conference finish:** 10th Matta inherits a Butler team that struggled and finished with an overall record of 14-19 and ninth in the conference. The most significant question mark for the Bulldogs is on the offensive end, as the leading scorer Chuck Harris averaged 11.4 points while shooting 37.8%. If Butler wants to take a leap, it starts with improving its offensive efficiency.

## Georgetown Hoyas

**Coach:** Patrick Ewing

**Predicted conference finish:** 11th The Hoyas went 6-25 overall,

0-19 in the conference, but Ewing remains the coach. Making things more difficult, players continue to transfer out of the program. Last week, Timothy Igboe, Tyler Beard and Jalin Billingsley entered the transfer portal. On top of that, the Hoyas' leading scorer, Aminu Mohammed, declared for the NBA draft. Ewing has already fired multiple assistants, so it's vital that he can keep the remaining players and hit on his transfer targets. Georgetown should win more than last season, but it still looks like the worst team in the conference, and if the Hoyas struggle, Ewing's days could be numbered.

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## Safety Tip of the Day

If you're ever in a car accident, or must stop on the shoulder for an emergency or for any reason at all, don't count on other drivers to see you or be careful.



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# NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

## SHORTS

### Klopp urges Reds to enjoy title chase



Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp is back in Lisbon this week for a Champions League match and he has happy memories of the place. It's where he received the phone call that changed his life. Without a job after leaving Borussia Dortmund, Klopp was visiting the Portuguese capital with his family in 2015 when his cell phone rang while outside coffee house. It was his agent. "It's Liverpool," Klopp mouthed, somewhat excitedly, to his two sons. And what a perfect match Klopp and Liverpool have been. Under the German coach, the English club has regained the formidable aura it had in the 1980s. English champion in 2020, for the first time in 30 years. European champion in 2019, for the sixth time in its history. Liverpool has been club world champion under Klopp. This season could top it all. The Reds headed into April still in contention to win all four major trophies, a feat never done by an English team. Klopp's message is simple — just enjoy it. "It's a situation we'd have dreamed of if we'd have dreamed before the season," he said. "We are here now. Let's try to make the most of it."

### Swiatek shocked by fast rise to No. 1

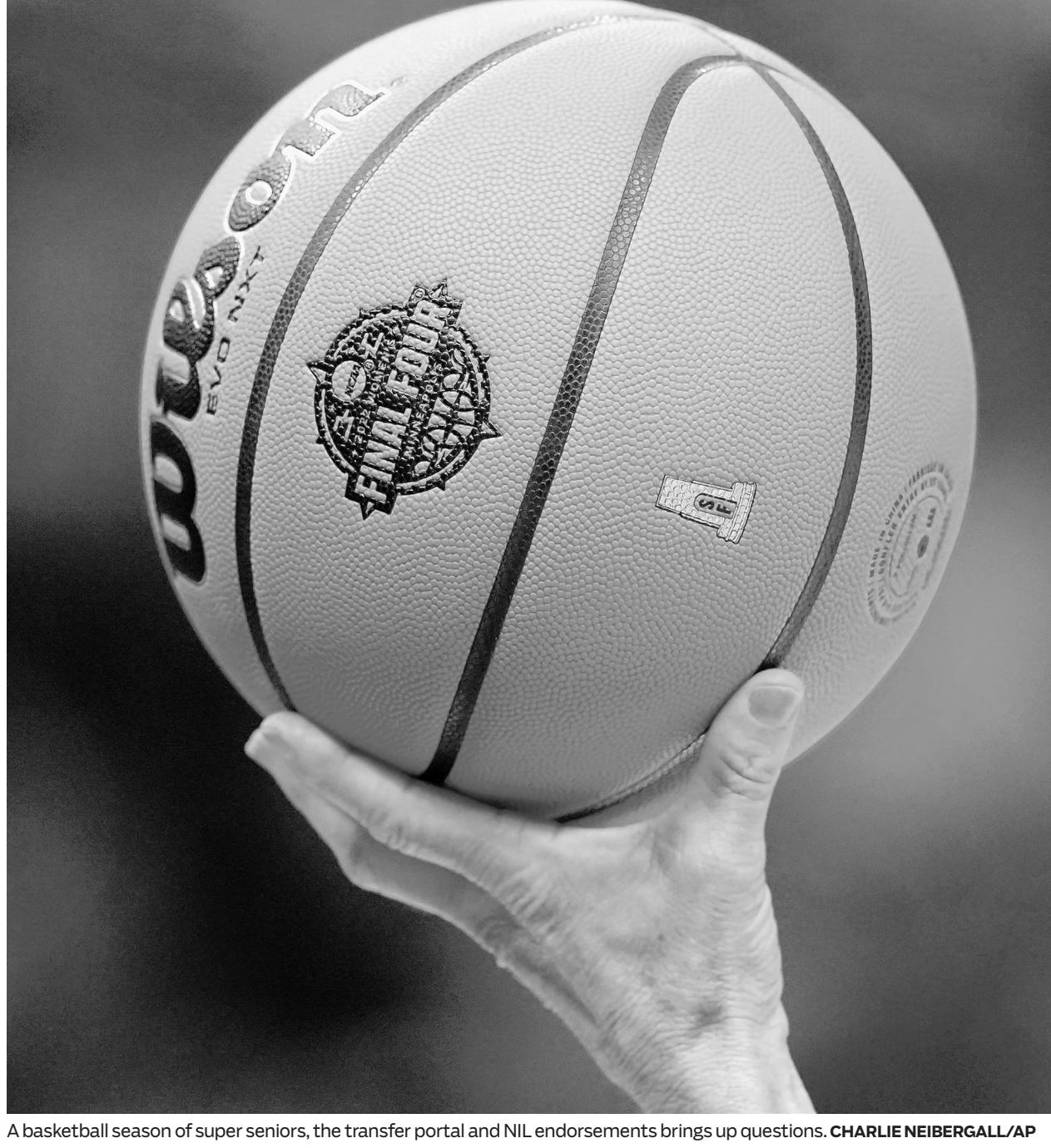


When new No. 1 Iga Swiatek's latest match ended with another victory, her 17th in a row, she jogged over to greet her team in a corner of the Miami Open stadium. She shook her head and made the universal gesture for "mind blown." Consider where she was 18 months ago. Still a teenager, ranked 54th, without a tour-level trophy to her name, she parlayed a topspin-heavy forehand, a willingness to shift shot speeds, get-to-every-ball court coverage, strong returning and in-match smarts into a Grand Slam championship in Paris in October 2020. Instead of the sort of step back that often can accompany a Grand Slam breakthrough, particularly one by someone so young, Swiatek kept her feet on the ground and her head in the game, making it to at least the fourth round at each of the subsequent five majors, including a semifinal appearance at the Australian Open in January. And her ranking kept moving up, to No. 17 by the end of 2020, No. 4 to close 2021 and No. 2 thanks to her victory at Indian Wells, California, last month. "Just watching your journey is really incredible," Naomi Osaka told Swiatek

### Pujols continues opening day streak



Albert Pujols will be in the starting lineup for the Cardinals against the Pirates when he begins his final big league season Thursday in what should be an emotional return to Busch Stadium. Cardinals manager Oliver Marmol announced Monday that Pujols, who signed a \$2.5 million contract to return to the club where he became a star, will be the designated hitter for his 22nd consecutive opening day start. That matches Hank Aaron and Carl Yastrzemski for second-most behind only Pete Rose, who made 23 straight during his career. "I don't want to set expectations because I like to be surprised, so I'm just going to enjoy it," Pujols said as he headed into the last few days of spring training in Jupiter, Florida. "I'm sure it will be emotional for me, and the fans, too." Pujols could relieve Paul Goldschmidt at first base at times this season, and he was expected to get a little work there this week before the club heads back to St. Louis. Otherwise, the Cardinals view him as a designated hitter and late-inning pinch hitter, along with a sagely presence in the clubhouse. —AP



A basketball season of super seniors, the transfer portal and NIL endorsements brings up questions. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# The season of change

More fixing needed for hoops, all college sports

**By Eddie Pells**  
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — If the nine months that led to Monday night's national title game between Kansas and North Carolina have proven anything, it's that college basketball and all of college sports are changing.

Whoever shapes all these changes — and it won't necessarily be the NCAA — will help decide whether the next decade in this multibillion-dollar ecosystem of sports, entertainment and education grows into an efficiently run business or devolves into chaos.

The NCAA has struggled with the rules and outcomes of efforts to pay players, ensure gender equity, lock in the newly relaxed transfer portal, streamline an increasingly cluttered infractions system and, of course, deal with the long-debated "One and Done" rule.

And while the governing body is all but waving the white flag when it comes to figuring out many of the transformative shifts that these problems present, there's a growing sense that that might not be a bad thing.

"This is not the time to look at nits and bits," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said Friday. "It's time to look at the whole thing."

Top on the to-do list is figuring out a viable system for "name, image and likeness" (NIL) deals.

Players can now make money off sponsorship deals. It's a tremendous change in the entire college dynamic, a business in which players generated millions through March Madness but most of it filtered to coaches, new stadiums and weight rooms and keeping the rest of the university's athletic

department running.

"I'm for sure happy to get a little money in my pocket," Duke guard Trevor Keels said over the weekend.

But some argue NIL is a deflection from what really needs to happen — which is to make the schools directly pay the players for their work.

In a roundabout way, that's happening anyway, as donors and others that pump money into athletic programs are now shifting some of the dough into school-branded "collectives" that create sponsorship opportunities for athletes. The workaround feels acceptable enough for the time being. But the NCAA has ceded all control of it, depending on state laws, school oversight and, maybe, an eventual federal law to regulate it all.

"It has been and it's still the case that we have got to have Congress help us find a single legal model" to run NIL, NCAA President Mark Emmert said.

Under the current mishmash of rules, there is very little public information about who makes what and who pays the bills. The concept of millions of dollars floating around with zero transparency doesn't strike anyone as the best business model for a sport filled with athletes in the teens and early 20s.

"One of my bigger concerns is not even about players doing the campaigns or getting paid," said Barbara Jones of Outshine Talent. "It's about them giving away or promising too much and not even realizing it."

Another topic is gender disparity. Congress held hearings on the issue during the tournament. Last year, the differences in the way the men's and women's games were treated were encapsulated by a video taken by Oregon's Sedona Prince of the lame weight room at the women's tournament. The NCAA commissioned a task force and a panel came up with recom-

mendations. Most of the changes have felt like window dressing. They included adding four teams to bring the women's bracket up to 68, switching the women's final from Tuesday to Sunday and putting the branding "March Madness" on the women's tournament in addition to the men's.

Meanwhile, the NCAA still owns a vastly undervalued media contract for the women, the details of which paint the picture of the NCAA as a tone-deaf bureaucracy that isn't changing with the times.

"I call it hot dogs for the girls and steak for the boys," Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer said.

Elsewhere, the new transfer rule is an attempt to rectify one of the biggest hypocrisies in sports — namely, that coaches could move around to the highest bidder with no restrictions but players weren't given the same freedom. Now, they are, but when combined with NIL, it threatens to create a free-agency system of sorts.

Emmert all but conceded that fixes to establish an independent committee aren't working well.

Then, there's the "One and Done" rule that allows players to leave after one year of college. Emmert's well-worn dodge on that rule is that it is technically part of the NBA collective-bargaining arrangement, so what is the NCAA to do? Krzyzewski would like to see a less-centralized NCAA — one that allowed men's basketball to decide about its own issues, and maybe the same with women's hoops and every other sport. Whether a new model looks something like what Krzyzewski envisions, or something else, there's a growing sense that big changes are ahead for college sports.

"Everything that you work in, or whatever you do, it never stays just status quo," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "We need to keep evolving."

## NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

### Staley, Auriemma could meet again

**By Doug Feinberg**

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Dawn Staley and Geno Auriemma hugged at midcourt after South Carolina ended UConn's undefeated run in NCAA championship games.

It was the first time the coaches had met on women basketball's biggest stage and may not be the last with so many talented players returning for both teams next season, including the last two AP Players of the Year in Aliyah Boston of South Carolina and Paige Bueckers of UConn.

"It's hard to say each year what could happen" Auriemma said. "This year was a perfect example of you plan for some things and then all of a sudden your plans get blown up. I like our chances. Provided we don't have to navigate a season like we did this year, knock on wood. If we stay healthy, I expect to be back next year."

The first matchup went to the Gamecocks in dominant fashion, a 64-49 victory Sunday that gave Staley her second national championship in two title games appearances. It left Auriemma with his first loss in 12 tries.

"Look at the tradition of UConn and what they've been able to do," Staley said. "They're the standard."

"If it takes winning 11 national championships to be a dynasty, I'm probably going to fall short of that, because I'm not going to be in the game long enough for us to win 11."

She's set her own standard though. The victory made Staley the first Black coach in either men's or women's Division I basketball to win two national championships, getting her first one in 2017.

"I felt a great deal of pressure to win because I'm a Black coach," she said. "Because if we don't win, then you bring in so many other, just scrutiny."

"Like you can't coach, you had enough to get it done but yet you failed. You feel all of that, and you feel it probably 10 times more than anyone else because we're at this platform."

Staley said she feels she can provide inspiration for other Black coaches.

"If I can be that ray of hope, if I can be that vessel of theirs to them being successful, you know I'm a willing giver of this game, because this game has given me so much."

On Sunday night, it gave Staley another championship.

"We played every possession like it was our last possession," Staley said. "They were determined to be champions today."

A year ago, South Carolina lost in the Final Four when Boston missed a layup before the buzzer.

"Obviously, I've been thinking about this since last season. Everyone had a picture of me crying," said Boston, who was the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four. "Today, we're national champions and I'm in tears."

With Staley calling the shots in a Louis Vuitton letterman jacket, South Carolina took UConn to school on the boards and capped a wire-to-wire run as the No. 1 team in the country in The Associated Press poll.

"They deserved it 100%," Auriemma said. "They were the best team all year."

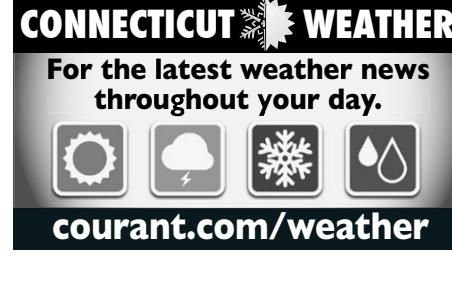
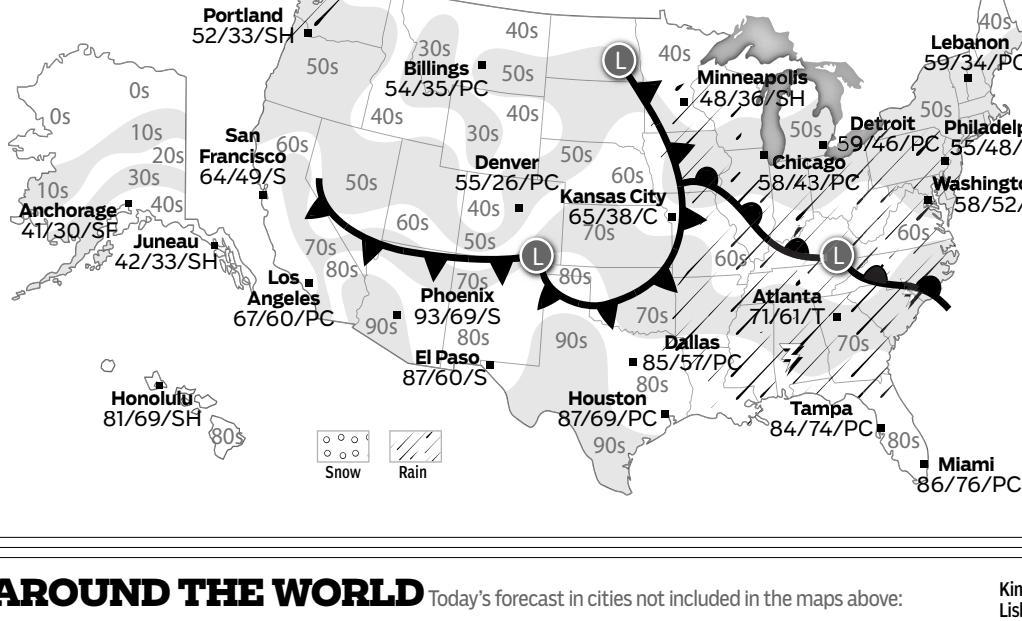
"The first five minutes, I thought they came out and set the tone then and there for how the game was going to be played."



South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley cuts the net after the Gamecocks knocked off UConn 64-49 in the national title game on Sunday in Minneapolis. The teams could have a rematch for next season's title. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

**WEATHER**

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNRISE	SUNRISE	SUNRISE	SUNRISE	SUNRISE
NOON	NOON	NOON	NOON	NOON
Mixed clouds and sunshine, milder. West wind around 5 mph, becoming a south wind.	Cloudy with periods of rain.	Mostly cloudy and breezy with mainly afternoon showers.	Chance for early showers, partly sunny, becoming breezy and milder.	Mixed clouds and sun, a shower or two is possible.
HIGH <b>59°</b> LOW <b>43°</b>	HIGH <b>51°</b> LOW <b>43°</b>	HIGH <b>54°</b> LOW <b>46°</b>	HIGH <b>63°</b> LOW <b>44°</b>	HIGH <b>59°</b> LOW <b>40°</b>

**YOURCAST****OUTLOOK**

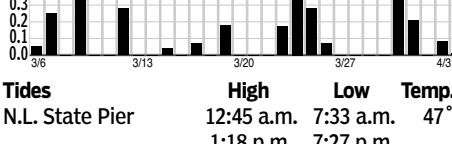
High pressure will bring some morning sunshine, then cloudiness will be lowering and thickening midday and in the afternoon on Tuesday with high temperatures in the 50s. A frontal system to the southwest will cause periods of rain to develop overnight and it will continue through much of Wednesday before tapering off. A second system will produce showers from Thursday afternoon into Friday morning. Temperatures will turn milder on Friday as a result of developing sunshine. A shower or two is still possible on Saturday, but most of the day should end up being dry.

-Gary Lessor

**ALMANAC**

Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.03 0.13
Month to date	0.30 0.49
Total this year	9.78 10.71
Snowfall In Inches	
Yesterday (by 4 p.m.)	0.0 0.1
Total this year	31.5 50.9

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

**30-day Precipitation History In Inches****Tides**

	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	12:45 a.m.	7:33 a.m.	47°
	1:18 p.m.	7:27 p.m.	

Saybrook Jetty 1:56 a.m. 8:26 a.m. 45°

2:29 p.m. 8:20 p.m.

Connecticut River 4:39 a.m. at Portland 5:12 a.m. 12:12 p.m.

Madison 2:10 a.m. 8:31 a.m. 45°

2:44 p.m. 8:39 p.m.

New Haven 2:30 a.m. 8:55 a.m. 42°

3:04 p.m. 9:03 p.m.

Stamford 2:34 a.m. 9:09 a.m. 43°

3:08 p.m. 9:17 p.m.

River Stage at Hartford: 9.50 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating L.I. Sound W L.I. Sound E B.I. Sound

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Wind S, 5-10 W/S, 5 W/S, 5

Seas 1 ft. 1 ft. 1-3 ft.

**Air Quality Forecast For Today**

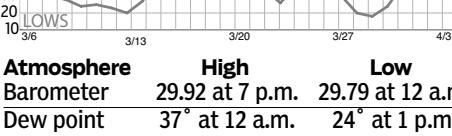
Good	Moderate	33°
38	5	
Air Quality Today	Ultraviolet Index Today	Wind Chill Today
Sunrise 6:28 a.m.	6:26 a.m.	
Sunset 7:20 p.m.	7:21 p.m.	
Moonrise 8:42 a.m.	9:17 a.m.	
Moonset a.m.	12:10 a.m.	

**Moon Phase**

Temperature	High	Low
Monday	57 at 1:58 p.m.	36 at 5:56 a.m.
Normal for date	55	34
Record for date	77 in 1974	14 in 1954
A year ago	61	25
Range this year	76	-2

Heating Degree Days Season Normal Last Season

For July 1 - April 4 4816 5266 4922

**30-day Temperature History****Atmosphere**

High Barometer 29.92 at 7 p.m. 29.79 at 12 a.m.

Dew point 37° at 12 a.m. 24° at 1 p.m.

**AROUND THE WORLD**

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

**NEW ENGLAND**

Bangor	55 26 PC	Baltimore	54 48 SH	Nashville	65 53 SH	San Juan	88 75 PC	Budapest	57 44 C	Kingston	90 75 S	Stockholm	37 23 PC
Burlington	56 36 PC	Bismarck	52 31 C	New Orleans	83 70 T	Tucson	88 59 S	Buenos Aires	79 59 PC	Lisbon	57 46 S	Sydney	77 64 S
Caribou	44 21 S	Boise	49 25 PC	New York	55 46 C	Amsterdam	54 45 R	Dubai	91 72 PC	London	59 48 C	Tel Aviv	81 60 PC
Concord	59 36 PC	Buffalo	55 42 PC	Oklahoma City	76 46 PC	Athens	66 46 C	Dublin	55 34 C	Madrid	52 37 SH	Tokyo	64 52 C
Montpelier	54 31 PC	Charleston	76 64 SH	Omaha	62 38 C	Barbados	84 72 PC	Helsinki	30 28 SN	Cairo	103 76 S	Milan	52 41 SH
Mt. Wash.	26 22 PC	Cincinnati	59 47 SH	Orlando	89 70 PC	Beijing	77 45 S	Hong Kong	82 66 PC	Montreal	52 34 PC	Vancouver	52 36 SH
Portland	56 37 PC	Cleveland	58 46 C	Pittsburgh	62 47 C	Edinburgh	90 75 PC	Istanbul	59 43 SH	Moscow	43 36 S	Warsaw	46 32 SH
Woods Hole	54 43 PC	Indianapolis	59 45 SH	Raleigh	73 56 C	Paris	95 45 SH	Johannesburg	51 43 SH	Nassau	86 73 T		

**NATION**

Albany	60 41 C	Las Vegas	89 60 S	Salt Lake City	49 29 PC	Berlin	46 41 SH	Jerusalem	86 63 S	Kingston	90 75 S
Albuquerque	78 43 S	Miami Beach	83 78 PC	San Antonio	93 63 PC	Bermuda	70 63 PC	Johannesburg	72 55 S	Lisbon	57 46 S
Atlantic City	54 48 SH	Milwaukee	49 39 C	San Diego	69 59 PC	Granby	80 75 PC	Edinburgh	51 43 SH	London	59 48 C
KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms											

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**MONDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS****BASEBALL**

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